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January 1, 1850 – June 30, 1850
General Correspondence

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No. 44, Phila. Mint, Jan. - Mar. 1850

1-4-1850, J.F. Brown, N.Y. re: one & coins
from Cal. sent by J.F.B. for a lady in
Mobile.

1-15-1850, Mint Director, re: Cal. gold,
average fineness is 890 thousands,
remainder, silver, value, ^{nearly} 6,000,000, for
A.R. of 1849/50.

1-16-1850, Mint Director, Circular letter re:
Sp. small coin in circulation & its current
price w/o. U.S.

2-7-1850, J.M. Beanhuisel, re: Mormon gold
coin deposit.

3-13-1850, Weeks, Kelly & Co., re: deposit of
Cal. coin.

3-25-1850, J.M. Beanhuisel, re: Mormon gold coin
Dep.

3-26-1850, Mint Director to J.M. B. re: deposit.

Mint of the United States
Jan. 1, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, propounding certain queries as to the operations of the Mint during the past year. I shall endeavor to forward a reply during the course of the present week. The assays & calculations necessary to determine the value of deposits made within the last few days are not yet completed, and it is probable that I shall have to present estimated values as to a portion of them, in order to meet my promise above given as to the time of reply to your queries.

Respectfully yours

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Mr. Jas. G. King }
N. R. }
Washington. }

Mint U. S.

January 2. 1850.

Messrs Brown & Bowen
Gentlemen,

I have your favour
of yesterday, containing the reply of your correspondent
to certain inquiries of mine respecting the valuation
of U.S. gold coin at the Bank of England. That
reply is highly satisfactory, as it shows that our coin
is ~~considered~~ found to be equal to its professed fineness,
as nearly as their mode of expressing fineness ^{can.} ~~will~~
show ^{it}; their assays only going to the eighth of a
carat grain, or $1\frac{3}{8}$ thousandths. Their rate of "1 $\frac{5}{8}$
grains worse" is equivalent to 899 $\frac{3}{4}$ thousandths,
while the standard is 900. I am no less gratified
to learn that they find such uniformity in the
fineness; the "very rare instances of a report 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
grain worse" are evidently attributable to the
standard of 1833-6, which was 899.225 thousandths.
You will please accept my hearty thanks for your
friendly intervention in this matter.
Very respectfully,
J. R. M.



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Philadelphia, Jan. 3, 1850

Received of U. S. Mint,
One Key Cents (\$100.-)
Marked N. Holmes & Son,
Pittsburg
Pa.

(Ordinary freight by Mail)
to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, break-
age, leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For the Proprietors,

(Signature)

United States Job Printing Office, Ledger Building, Philadelphia.

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

January 2^d 1850

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
accounts of Copper Coinage and ordinary Expenses for the
Quarter ending 31st Dec. 1849.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

T. G. Smith

James Ross Snowden Esq

Treasurer Mount

Philadelphia

Washgton Jan^y 30th 80

Dr Sir

The memorandum which
you sent me of my deposit of
gold bullion was wrong by direction
it came to only Herman & Delichs,
instead of my address to the
Care of Herman & Delichs -

As I have shifted my
residence to this city please
direct your next communication
to Lieut. William May, U.S. Navy
Care of Doct. Frederick May Wash-
ington City D.C. & oblige

Yrs respectfully

W May

W. W. Edelman Esq.

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs,
January 3^d 1850.

Sir,

You are respectfully requested to furnish this Office, at your earliest convenience with an estimate of the probable number of Medals that can be furnished in accordance with the proportions stated in my letter of instructions to you on the subject, dated December, 3^d 1849.

Please to let me know also the number of days you would require to furnish thirty of each size.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servant,
Wm. Brown

Doct. R. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

New York Jan^y 4/50

Sir

On the 5th of Last Month I forwarded
by Adams 46th a small package containing
I believe one score from California, not
having heard from you. I write to enquire
if it was rec^d and what is its value, it was
Marked with my name at 295 Broadway
N. Y. and supposed to be worth about 500 dol.
I have it in charge for a Lady in Mobile, and
wish to realize its value for her

To the principal
Officer of U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Yours Very Respectfully
J. F. Brown
295 Broadway

Paid to Adams on the 14th ult.

Wilmington Jan 4th 1830
J^r R. Snowden Esq

Sir: I received a
Telegraphic despatch from you, to day, in
which you say the gold referred to (Robt Moore)
"was reported by Adams & Co without any
specific directions," They agreed to honor
the certificate of deposit forwarded to me,
I have the gt of Robt Moore, and have
sent the amt by that Express. My directors
to you now, as the Officer of the Bank, are to
acknowledge the receipt of this letter, in
forming me of the quantity of amt, and not
pay out the same unless by order under
my signature, or to me in person

I am dear Sir, yours truly

Saml R. Thurston

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 4, 1850.

Ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. BENTON to the bill [S. 24.] to establish a branch of the Mint of the United States in the city of New York.

At the end thereof, add the following:

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That a branch of
2 the Mint of the United States be established in San Fran-
3 cisco, California, for the coinage of gold and silver. And
4 for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting a suitable
5 building, and completing the necessary combinations of
6 machinery for the said branch, the sum of three hundred
7 thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of
8 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

1 SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That temporary
2 buildings shall be procured or erected immediately for
3 carrying on the business of said branch mint, and the follow-
4 ing officers shall be appointed, upon the nomination of the
5 President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
6 to wit: one superintendent, one treasurer, one assayer,

7 one melter and refiner, and one coiner. And the said su-
 8 perintendent shall engage and employ as many clerks, and
 9 as many subordinate workmen and servants, as shall be
 10 provided for by law; and the salaries of said officers and
 11 clerks shall be as follows:

12 To the superintendent, and to the treasurer, the sum
 13 of five thousand dollars each; to the assayer, to the melter
 14 and refiner, and to the coiner, the sum of four thousand
 15 dollars each; to the clerks the sum of three thousand dol-
 16 lars each; to the subordinate workmen, not exceeding
 17 twenty, such wages and allowances as are customary and
 18 reasonable according to their respective stations and occu-
 19 pations.

10
 1 SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the third,
 2 fourth, and fifth sections of this act shall be held and ta-
 3 ken to be applicable to the said branch mint at San Fran-
 4 cisco, in the same manner as if specially named therein;
 5 and the said branch mint shall be the place of deposit for
 6 the public moneys collected in the custom house at San
 7 Francisco, and for such other public moneys as the Secre-
 8 tary of the Treasury may direct; and the treasurer of said
 9 branch mint shall have the custody of the same, and shall
 10 perform the duties of an assistant treasurer, and for that
 11 purpose shall be subject to all the provisions contained in
 12 an act entitled, "An act to provide for the better organiza-

13 tion of the Treasury, and for the collection, safe keeping,
 14 transfer and disbursement of the public revenue," approved
 15 August the sixth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-
 16 six, which relates to the treasurer of the branch mint at
 17 New Orleans.

*Section 11. And be it further enacted,
 That the assayer authorized to be appointed
 by the ninth section of this act, shall be
 appointed immediately, and shall perform
 such duties in assaying and fixing the
 value of gold in grains or lumps, and
 in forming the same into bars, as shall
 be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treas-
 ury, either for individuals, companies, or the
 government; and the sum of fifty thousand
 dollars, out of any money in the Treasury
 not otherwise appropriated, be and the same
 hereby is appropriated for defraying the
 expense of the said gold assay, for the
 fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1851.*

Merchants Bank,
New York, Jan. 5. 1830

Sir

I shall send you on
Monday next by the Express
Adams & Co. of Boston, a
package of gold bullion to
be received for my account.

Please make out
the receipt in my name, and
at once as may be convenient,
send me a certificate of its
assay and value.

With much Respect

J. M. Gordon

To James Ross Snowden

Mass.
Superintendent of the mint
Philadelphia

Done

New York Jan 5. 1850

J Ross Saunders Esq
Treas & U S Mint, etc
Phil^a Dear Sir

I duly received
Your favor of 17 Decr when you hoped
I should be able to pay my deposit in about 2
weeks. Since the 1st of the month
I have been daily looking for the Coin
and trust that it will be forthcoming
very soon, as I have made some heavy
money engagements in anticipation thereof.

If you can further my wishes
by giving early dispatch to the treasurer
you will much oblige

Yours &c
Geo A Delano

I have endorsed the receipt over
to the agent of Saunders's express.

Yours &c

Mint of the United States
Phil^a Jan'y 7. 1850

Sir

I have recd. your letter of the 4th inst. stating that you desire that the value of the deposit of Gold made by Messrs Adams & Co. for you, shall not be paid to them but to your own order, or to yourself in person. With this instruction I will strictly comply.

I enclose you a memorandum shewing how the deposit was made & the value of the same.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt

(signed) G. R. C.

Treasurer

Hon. Saml. W. Thurston
Member of Congress
Washington City.

Mr Sprague

Is Sir

Please inform me
when the Bullion is coined that I
deposited at the Mint on the 12th of
December last. You told me at the
time of the deposit that it would
probably be coined within three
weeks - if the same is not coined
on the receipt of this, please inform
at what time it will be coined
and also its value - in order that
I may send or draw on the Mint
for the same. write by soon
and oblige Yours Truly
D. Sprague J. H. Culling
Brimington Vermont

\$400.00

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WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street. (Journey Court) New York, January 7 1856

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint

We send herewith for conveyance into
720 pieces one hundred and thirty five ounces, seven
dwt. - (1853) of gold dust.

Please return to us a receipt in our own
name - & oblige

Wm. Weeks & Co.

Mint of the United States
Philad^a - July 7. 1858

Dear Sir

I have ~~received~~ your letter of the
8th inst. I expect we will be able to pay your
deposit on Friday or Saturday of this week. I will
call the attention of the agent of Harnden's Express
to the subject -

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^d. Serv^t

(signed) J. R. S.

Treasurer

J. A. Delano Esq }
New York

Clay, Jan 4th 1850
To the Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

I, a week since
sent a package of Gold dust
weighing 16 ounces, to the
Mint at Philadelphia, to
be assayed. I sent the
package just as I received
it, unopened, but have
since thought, perhaps a
letter was enclosed inside
the wrapper. If such is
the case, will you please
forward it to Messrs Henry
& Warren, Clay, Cuany, Co
N.Y.

Mint U.S. - Phila. - Jan. 14/50.

Dear Madam,

I have duly received your letter of the 7th inst., and
I send you a memorandum of the proceeds of the deposits to which you refer.
There was no letter enclosed within the wrapper.

The certificate of deposits, on which your order is so an-
dorsed, is the receipt given when the deposits were made, and
which, I presume, is in your hands.

Yrs

Messrs. H. H. Warren,

Clay, N.Y.

R. W. P.

Per

I suppose after
the assay is made
you send me a certificate
of deposit subject to my
order. Please inform me
if I am right in my suppo-
sition and oblige.

Mrs. H. E. Warren

1/17/50.

Henry

Mr. Henry R. Warren
Clay, Maryland

N.Y.

Jan 7 / 50

Rec'd 11th

Ans'd 14th

Miss U.S. - Phila. - Jan. 14/50.

Dear Madam,

I have duly received your letter of the 7th inst., and
I send you a memorandum of the proceeds of the deposits to which you refer.
There was no letter enclosed within the wrapper.

The certificate of deposits, on which your order is to be
crossed, is the receipt given when the deposits were made, and
which, I presume, is in your hands.

Yrs

Mr. H. E. Warren

Clay, N.Y.

R. M. P.

Per

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a Jan^y 8. 1850

Gentlemen

I have your letter of the 7th inst and
have received fr. Messrs. Adams & Co. the amount of
Gold therein stated - the mint receipt for which I
herewith enclose you as requested.

Very Respectfully
Your Ob^t. Serv^t.

(signed) J. R. S.
Treasurer

Messrs. Weeks, Kelly & Co
No. 45 Wall St. New York }

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By Telegraph, Date *Pittsburgh 5th* 1849

To

Coland Tranden

Dear Sir Will you pay
the Defects of Coppersmith
& Reier on an Assignment
of the same in the ordinary
Legal form—in a word—
will you pay without the
presentation of the Certificates
of Deposit which you gave
them—Answer immediately,
I see or no

Truly Yours

Edward M. Bostin

Ed. Sprague Esq N. York Jan 8th 1847

W. M. Munt

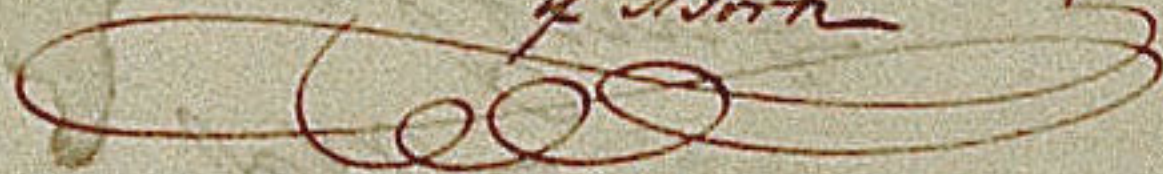
Phila

Pa

On the 19th Dec at
I deposited with you for Esday two
parrels Cal^d Gold for which you gave me
two Rec^{pts} stating that in three weeks I
could learn the value. I am told here
that it is necessary for one to procure
certificate of value in order to negotiate
the receipt as I do not wish to incur the ex-
pense of going to Phila I have taken the
liberty to ask you to please enclose the same
to me at your earliest convenience and
much oblige Yours

Yr Servant

W. M. Kinley
of N. York



West of the United States.

January 8th, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of yesterday,
in which you present the resignation of your place
as a Mechanist in this office. This action, on your
part, closes a connection between us of more than
ten years duration, and I cannot part from you,
without expressing my opinion of your skill and ingenuity,
— my personal regard, and my sincere wishes for
your welfare.

Very truly your friend &c.,

R. M. Patterson.

Director.

Mr. Wm. M. Snider.)

Treasury Department
Jan: 8. 1859.

Sir

It will be necessary to transfer,
in the course of a few days, \$200,000 in coin from
Philadelphia to Washington. Be pleased to inform me
whether you can supply that amount, conveniently,
from the Mint proper - and in what description of
Coin.

I am very Respectfully,

W. M. Meredith
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad.^a

New York Jan^y 9th 1850

Mr Robert Patterson

Sir will you
oblige me so much as to send me a
report of certificate no 2529 deposited
Dec 29th 1849 by Adams & Co for D P Webster
of $331 \frac{82}{100}$ Oz Will you also order
it paid in double eagles when the
certificate is presented for payment
and Oblige

Yours &c &c

Robt Patterson Esqr
U S Mint
Phila^{de}

D P Webster

No 7 Ann st
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 9, 1850.

Sir,

~~Have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.~~

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to forward the following ^{statement} ~~information~~, received from the Treasurer.

There is now in the Assistant Treasury the sum of ~~\$960,000~~ ^{\$960,000}. But of this amount there was received ~~\$706,652.95~~ in foreign gold coins, which were deposited with the Mint for encoinage, under the provision of the 9th Sec. of the act of Feb. 9, 1793; and in order to be able to pay, as early as possible, the sums due to individual depositors, the amount stated above has not been handed over to the Assistant Treasury, which holds, instead, the certificates of the Mint.

If you will draw the proposed amount of \$200,000, forth upon the Assistant Treasury, the half of this, at least, can be received, ^{by it} from the Mint, and you can be supplied with new coins, of all the varieties of coinage.

Yours Very Respectfully,
J. M. McDowell,
Sec. of Treasury.

R. M. C.
Dir.

Office Bankers' Magazine
Boston 10 January 1850

Sir,

I am about to republish from the American Almanac, the table of Coinage of the U. S. Mint from 1792 to 1848, inclusive: and in order to include the items for the year 1849, I beg the favor of you to furnish for this purpose the following heads, in the course of the next 6 or 8 days.

Year 1849. for Mint and Branches.

Gold Coinage, value	\$ 125,243,017.5	9,007,101.50
Silver " " " " " " " "	\$ 236,528	2,114,950.
Copper " " " " " " " "		41,984.32
Whole Coinage, N ^o of pieces	1,666,659	
" " " " " " " " value		11,164,695.82

The Almanac states the Coinage from 1792 to 1848, inclusive to be as follows.

Gold, value	\$ 76,341.440
Silver " " " " " " " "	" 73,466,574.90
Copper " " " " " " " "	" 1,209,759.20
Whole Coinage, value	" 157,017,714.10
N ^o of pieces	343,281,750

It is stated that the new gold coin of \$20
has appeared. If you can furnish me a correct
description of it, for publication, I will feel
much obliged.

Your Obedt servt

Saml H. Kean

Editor Bankers Magazine

Boston.

Bankers Magazine

R. M. Patterson, Esq. }
Director of the Mint }
Philad^a }

Treasury Department
11 July 1850

Sir,

I will thank you to prepare
and transmit to this Department
at your earliest convenience
the information desired the Hon^{ble}
Selling in his letter of the 11 July
inst, transmitted herewith.

Please return Mr King's letter
with your reply to this.

I am very respt
Yr obed^t St

W M Meredith
Secy of the Treasury

R M Tatnall Esq
Superintendent of
Mails

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North Adams Mass.
Aug. 12. 1850 -

Edw. Sprague Esq
Dear Sir -

When the Gold which
I left with you is coined - I would
ask the favor of you to deposit the
amount at one of the Philadelphia Banks
to my credit - and send me a certificate of Deposit by
mail - By taking this course I can
avoid the Expense of going to your city
again - I herewith inclose the Receipts
in my favor No. 2434 & 2435 -

Very Resp.
Yours &
Saml B. Kingsley

New Haven Jan 12 1850

J. L. C.

A Deposit of Bullion
was made for me by Adams & Co. Dec 17. 1849
A statement "No 2342" has been received in the
meantime and sent back with an order to pay
Adams & Co. the amount \$50,000.00 - for me -
I wish to know first if this order will
enable them to draw the money and secondly
about what time I may expect it -
A brief answer to the two questions will
much oblige

Yours most respectfully

Treasurer of W. S. M. I.

H. L. Cannon

Adams & Co.
600,000 for W. S. M. I.
Letter and 7 must receive

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a Jan. 12. 1850.

Sir, I herewith forward you the account of the
operations of the Mint in gold & silver bullion
for the quarter ending the 31st day of December 1849,
which I hope you will find to be correct.

The present Mella & Ref. entered upon
the duties of his office on the 1st of December,
up to that period there was an ascertainment of the
Wastage in order to settle the accounts of the late
Mella & Refiner. But for the month of December,
it was not deemed necessary by the Director
of the Mint, to require the present Officer to deliver
up the Bullion in his possession, in order to de-
termine the Wastage for that month, as it would
be productive of great delay in the coinage. The
use of Profit & Loss therefore remains open.
It is proper to remark that the 23rd Section
of the Mint Law will be complied with,
within the year as is therein directed.

Very respy
Yours H. C. C.

(signed)
H. R. C.
M.

J. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor of Treasury.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, Jan 14, 1850

J. Richardson Esq

Treasurer United States Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by Adams & Co Express for coinage 237 ounces 5 1/2 Dwt California gold in bars & grains Please forward receipt & assay by mail.

Respectfully
Wm. B. Kelley Esq
By E. Stephens

Please forward us by mail the assay of lot No 85, 135 Two ozs

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, Jan^y 14 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treasury Department

Alb

Accompanying this
by Adams & Co express you have for coinage
264 1/2 ounces California gold. Please forward
receipt & assay by mail.

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

When will you coin \$20. gold pieces.

Albion N.Y. Phil. Jan. 14, 1854

Sir,

I received your telegraphic despatch on Saturday, and answered it by stating that the amount deposited was 238⁶⁵/₁₀₀ cents, and that if the receipt was given for a less amount it was a mistake of the clerk who has charge of the Night Room and could be corrected on the presentation of the same receipt for payment. The amount is correctly stated in the margin from which the receipt was given (viz 238⁶⁵/₁₀₀).

I enclose to you the memo. of the value of your deposits, which I hope to be able to pay in the course of 3 or 4 weeks from the present time.

J.R.V.

Sr

W.B. Congdon Esq
Cash. Merchants Bank
New York, N.Y.

Wm. of the U. S.
Ph. Jan. 14, 1850.

Sir,

The acc. referred to in yr. letter of
the 12th inst., having been made by Messrs Adams & Co
for you & so stated in the Minors receipt, the
Amt. can be paid to them on their endorsement
of the receipt. The statement forwarded to you
was merely to show the value of the deposits.
The Minors receipt I presume Messrs Adams & Co
have in their hands.

I will be able to pay you the amt.
by the latter end of next week.

Very resptly,

Wm. of the U. S.

Copied by
J. R. S.
Tun

M. H. L. Cannon
New Haven
Ch

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We shall be much obliged if you can furnish
us with a statement of the amount of California Gold
received at your Mint up to this date -

If in addition to this - you could - without too much trouble
inform us what the average fineness - of said gold is - what
proportion it contains - of silver or quicksilver - it would
enable us to compare the amount & quality received
here - with that sent directly to England & France -
information in regard to which we expect shortly to receive

Very respectfully
James B. Rogers
New York Jan 14 1830

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
Jan'y 14th 1850

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
Warrant amounting to the Sum of Twenty \$20.00

Respectfully,

Your obedt Servt

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James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia

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W. L. Smith

Wm Patterson Esq New York Aug 15th 1850

Sir

Please inform

us when you think it probable
that we can get the proceeds of
the Gold Dust sent to you about
a month since say 1734⁵⁹/Doll's

Yours obt servt

J. H. H. H.

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
21 WALL STREET.

R. M. Patterson Esq. New York, January 16th 1858
Director U.S. Mint
Phil.
D. C.

We have your
enclosed. an invoice of one Box of Gold sent
forwarded from hence this day by Adams & Co.
Express as per their rec. herewith. Be pleased
to name about the time the coin will be
ready and much oblige

J. S. R.
G. S. Robbins, Son
by A. Robbins

P.S. Please return to us by Adams & Co one
parcel in the box. Marked David Kimball
which should have been retained here

G. S. R. S.
by A. R.



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Salem, Portland, and all the principal Eastern cities and towns.

Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in
Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Received of

New York, Jan 14 1850
G. S. Robbins & Co
One Box said to contain
198783 Gold dust
Wm. M. M. M.

To be received & Paid

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage,
leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Receit, Boston and Providence, and Wall and Water sts.

Invoice of one Box containing Gold Dust
Sent to the United States Mint Philadelphia by G. S.
Robbins & Co.
New York January 14th 1850

G. S. Robbins & Co
New York.
N.Y.

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1	"	E. Thornton Dr.	17. 18. 1
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New York January 14th 1850
G. S. Robbins & Co
by G. S. Robbins

Miner of the U. States
Ph. Jan. 15, 1850.

Sir, Your letter of the 12th inst., with
the enclosure stated, to Mr. Sprague
a clerk in the Mine is received.

Your deposits will be payable
the last of next week or the early
part of the succeeding week. I will direct
the amount to be placed, when paid, to
your credit in one of the Philad^a. Banks,
and forward you a Certificate thereof
as requested.

Very res.
Yours ob^d serv^t.

(signed) J. R. S.
Treas.

Mr. James B. Kingsley,
North Adams,
Mass.

Mint U.S. Phil.

Jan. 15, 1850.

Dr. Gallows,

I am now engaged in getting up the statement of my annual report to the President, and I cannot yet give an exact answer to your first inquiry; but the amount of California gold received at this mint is about nearly six millions of dollars in value.

The average fineness of California gold is now estimated at 890 thousandths. The remainder is silver.

When you get the information you are in search of from England & France, we shall feel much obliged if you will communicate it to us.

RMS.

Sec. of Mining & Geol.

San Francisco.

Mr. J. W. S.
Ph. Jan. 16, 1850.

Uncle Sam.

Your letter of the 14th inst. is
recd., and the amount of gold therein
stated deposited by Messrs. Adams & Co for you.
At their request, the receipt was given
to them to transmit to you. When the assays
are made, I will forward to you per mail
the statement of the value.

Very respy
Yours obly servt,
(signed) J. R. S. Wm.

Messrs. Weeks, Kelly & Co
43 Wall Street
N.Y.C.

Mint of the United States,
January 16th 1850.

Dear Sir,

In order to form an estimate of the amount of Spanish small coin in our currency, I ask the favour of you to request some considerable retailer in your place to examine his specie receipts, at the close of any one or two days, and inform you, what proportion, in current value, the Spanish coin, (pieces of 25, $12\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents,) bears to the national coin, (pieces of 25, 10 and 5 cents;) and what proportion, in current value, the Spanish quarter-dollars bear to the pieces of $12\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents collectively.

Please to inform me also, whether our dimes and half-dimes pass rigidly at 10 and 20 to the dollar, and the $12\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ pieces at 8 and 16; and whether these last pass freely, even when the stamps are nearly or quite obliterated by wear.

Truly yours &c

P. M. Patterson,

Director of the
Mint.

Mint of the United States
January 1850

Dear Sir

I am endeavoring to form an estimate, by information from all sections of the Union, as to the extent to which the Spanish small coin maintains its circulation in the country. To this end, may I ask the favor of you to take a reckoning, in any one or two days, of ~~the~~^{your} ~~Spanish~~ receipts in small silver coin 25 (quarter-dollars and under) and inform me, first, what proportion of it is ~~in the~~ Spanish, and what proportion ^{national} ~~our own~~, and second, what proportion the Spanish quarter-dollars bear, in value, to the lesser Spanish pieces, the eighth and sixteenth.

I would like to know also, what is your average daily receipt in ~~cents~~ copper cents, if you have taken any notice of that matter.

Very respectfully

W. Townsend Sharpless.

Mr. Curwen Stoddart.

Philadelphia

Muchant & Sons
New York Jan. 17. 1850

For. I have this day sent you by Messrs
Adams & Co. per box two lots of gold
to be received for my acct. viz,

One lot, in a leather bag, sealed with
the seal of the Muchant & Sons, containing
Twenty five hundred dollars worth of gold— 275 dols.

One lot, in four thin envelopes, containing
five hundred dollars.

It is my wish to have these
lots accepted for our account by
separately, as they belong to different
persons. This is my intention, and is the
principal reason why I write you.

The receipt will be, I suppose
given to Messrs Adams & Co. to be forwarded
to me. The certificates of an assayer forwarded
to me when ready.

With much Respect

J. Hoagland
Cf

I write from New York, having just the Gold to Adams & Co.
New.

Minist of the United States,
Philadelphia.
Jan. 18, 1850.

Sir,
I have the honor to send you herewith, my report a copy
of my report to the President of the operations of the Mint and its
Branches for the past year.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. W. Patterson,
Director.

W. J. M. Mendenhall,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Detroit Jan. 11th 1850.
Treas. of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir

I sent from that
place on the 21st of Dec. last about 803 of California
gold to be coined, into piece gold pieces or to have
the value of the ^{same} sent back in coin by express
thinking it was about time to receive it. I
have written, if you cannot send by express - you
may send a draft on which I could draw
the money - I have more to send now and
expect quite a large amt. in about 3 weeks -
and should like to know what course to take
with it in order to get the value of it in
the shortest time - or how long after it is sent to
the mint can I get it back

Yours Resp.

J. L. Mansworth

Advised by L. G. you will be subject to
the order of the U.S. Mint to send the gold to
them.

Jan. 6. 1850.

Jan 20 1850

Newark Jan 19. 1850.

Sir

In behalf of the Claimants I respectfully notify you that one hundred and forty nine ounces and seventy parts of an ounce of California Gold deposited in the United States Mint in this City in December last by Augustus & Taylor in the name of Clarkson & Taylor of the City of New Brunswick New Jersey, is the property of the New Brunswick and California Mining and Trading Company, and of individuals members of the same, and that neither of the said parties the said Augustus & and Clarkson & Taylor has any property therein.

You are therefore notified not to deliver the said Gold or its product in coin or otherwise to either or both of the said Taylor the possession of the same having been illegally and fraudulently obtained.

Respectfully
Yr Ob^t Serv^t
James Bago

Att. for Claimants
for Newark

W. R. Patterson
Director U. S. M.

The subscribers, members of the New Brunswick & California Mining and Trading Company, claim in behalf of said company, 149 acres and nearly parts of an acre of Real Estate, deposited in the United States at New Philadelphia in December last, by Agents J. Taylor, in the name of Charles & E. Taylor of the city of New Brunswick, N.J. the said gold being the property of the said company and of individual members of the same.

The said company was organized in the city of New Brunswick, N.J. in Jan. 1849, of which A. F. Taylor was President and Physician, and Jos. W. Van Middleburgh Treasurer of the said company. The company sailed from New York in bark Isabel, 7th February 1849, and arrived in California in the early part of August last. The said A. F. Taylor and Jos. W. Van Middleburgh accompanied said Co. to California; the said A. F. T. contributed nothing on account of said company, but was to have one share of the proceeds for his services as Physician. The said Co. was to remain for six years or understood when leaving the port of N. Y. In about two months after the arrival of said Co. in California, the cargo of said vessel and Co. was disposed of, and the said Jos. W. Van Middleburgh, the Treasurer of the said Co., and the said A. F. Taylor started about the middle of October last in their return to the State of N. J. They took passage at Sacramento City on board the schooner Samuel Roberts for San Francisco. When he embarked at Sacramento on board said schooner, the said Jos. W. Van Middleburgh had in his possession, as Treasurer of said Company, a considerable quantity of Gold in dust and coin, being proceeds of the said cargo and belonging to said Co., and which he was bringing with him to the State of N. J. After their embarkation as aforesaid, the said A. F. T. applied to one of the proprietors of said schooner, who was on board, for permission to deposit a release, which he said contained the moneys of the said Jos. W. Van Middleburgh, the Treasurer of the said company, in

the Captain's locker or chest, where the moneys of the said vessel were kept. The said value was accordingly deposited in the Captain's locker or chest after the said value was so deposited, and while on their passage to San Francisco, the said Jm. W. Brantley died very suddenly and unexpectedly. Soon after his decease, the said A. F. Taylor removed the said value from the Captain's locker or chest, and took it into his possession. He was seen in the cabin of the said schooner with the value there; he took out several parcels or packets, containing gold in dust and coins, and emptied the said parcels, and threw their contents into one collection. He did this by himself, without calling any witness to see him open the value or examine its contents. It has also been ascertained that several persons members of said company, had intrusted the said Treasurer Jm. W. Brantley with packages of gold to deliver to their families, and which packages were unaccounted for, and are believed to be included in the deposit made in the Mint as aforesaid. He has never rendered, though frequently requested to do so, any satisfactory account of the contents of the said value, or the amount of moneys in his possession relating to the said company. The said Augustus F. Taylor having in the mean time obtained possession of the moneys of the said Company, he brought them to the State of N. J. and has recently deposited them in the United States Mint in Philadelphia in the name of Clarkson E. Taylor his brother. Soon after the arrival of said Company in California the said Augustus F. Taylor was taken sick, and has continued unwell ever since, and earned little or nothing. He has expended he says, in returning home \$700. & since his return to N. J. has been paid by other members \$500, which he lent them to get home, the greater part of which is the property of the company, as well as the amount deposited in the Mint as aforesaid. The moneys thus deposited, the said company claims to be the property of the said Company, and until the withdrawal of the said

moneys from the said Mint can be prevented, they will be lost to the said company, as both the said Augustus F. Taylor, and the said Clarkson E. Taylor, are irresponsible and without property.

State of New Jersey,
Woodbury County

Before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared - William Durham - John Johnson - Harvey Wiley - and George Ackerman, who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths, respectively say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of their knowledge and belief -

Sworn and subscribed the
18th day of January 1850
before me

Peter P. Runyon
Justice of the Peace

Before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared -

Wm. Durham
John Johnson
Harvey Wiley
Geo. Ackerman

Butler, 19th January, 1850.

Dear Sir,

Do you keep at the Mint a Register of the names of the persons who have gold in its natural state exchanged for coin. If so, did a German of the name of John Coppersmith, shortly after the last arrival of "the Empire City," not long before the 1st instant get any such exchange made there. or did he get any dust, or ore, worked into coin. I C is about 40 years of age, light, or brown, hair, somewhat bald. He speaks bad English, is about 5 ft 9 inches high, and well built. Consider the same questions as put respecting another ^{German} who came at the same time in company with C. He is about 5 ft 11 inches high, 35 or 40 years old, dark hair & complexion, can speak but little English, name Jacob Kaiser.

These men were sent to Butler are now here, one of them is in jail, on a charge of defrauding the persons who sent him, and is to answer under

ask on Thursday next, and I
should like if possible to have
a reply from you by that time
Mr Purviance, Mr Smith and my
self are concerned for the persons
who sent 6 & 16, and if
any persons answering to the
description of them were at
the Mint about that time it will
be of great importance to us

Let me hear from you
without a moment of unnecessary
delay, and excuse imperfections

Yours in great haste

Colonel Sumner

Edmund R. Quinn

Jan 17 1850
Wm. C. Quinn
Edw. M. Quinn

Re: 237

MERCHANTS BANK.

New-Bedford, Aug 21. 1856.

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 14th

I enclose for collection.

Write you from New York on the 14th, advising of having sent you by Adams Co. \$1000.00 of gold, to which letter please refer me.

Shall not receive from you a certificate receipt for the deposit of the 9th, not to allow \$4179.69. as per memo^m n^o 99. I enclose an endorsement receipt as given, and which I returned to you by Adams Co. The receipt can now be of no value or importance, unless it should be necessary for me to have it when I draw upon you. Shall usually enclose even the receipt, but as I have not the receipt in this case, please advise me as to the form I shall in this case adopt. Shall enclose one. Respectfully,
The "memo^m", will you send me another receipt?

W. C. Cushman

Cashier.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Cashier West of the River

Perhaps you can give me some Philadelphia receipt form which you would prefer to be used in all cases.

N: 2262

Newark Jan^y 21st 1850
Treasurer of W. D. Mint

Dear Sir

On the 13th Day of Dec^r 1849 I left at the Mint 137-73/100 Ounces of Cal^d Gold dust for which they gave me a Mint Receipt. it belonged to a Widow. at the time I left it. I was told that it would be done in four weeks. She sent the receipt last Monday by Days Express of Newark to be forwarded on by Adams & Co Express N. Y. as she is quite anxious about it. I write to know whether it is ready. if not please write immediately and let me know when it will be and I will call and get it for her as she is in need of funds.

by so doing you will much oblige
The Widow - Uzzarella H. Nuttman

Yours &c
W. D. Linn

1st of Feb^y 1850
Received

New York 1st Mo. 21. 1850

Dr. J. P. Snowman
Treas. U. S. Mint }

Estimated Money

The hold. by
Receipt No. 2530. - in favour of C. J. Van
Wyck for 85 1/2 per cent. Gold and by him
sending, together with the memo. stating
it to have yielded \$1521.57 -

The object of this is to require
whether the coin is ready & if not
when it will be ready, to meet the
return of said paper?

Respectfully
Wm. H. C.

3.10 -
550.000 -
850.000

20
12-7-50
Quitting
H. H. C.

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By Telegraph, Dated *Pittsburgh Jan. 21st* 1870

To *Treasurer of Mint*

Did Capperemith & Raisin
recently exchange gold dust
with you for Coin or had
they any dust Coined
Bredin of Butler writes me
to ask Answer paid for
J. H. Casiday

24 Word st

3 Front St. New York
Jan'y 21st/1850-

W^m L. G.

I transmitted to you on the
14th inst a small parcel of Gold dust (6 1/2
Oz) which I would much like to have the
returns of as early as practicable. The
Party in California transmitting to me, is
of the opinion that is much Superior in
quality to any he has before sent, & quite
deserving for the assay of it.

Respectfully Yours
Saml. Perry

C. C. Sprague Esq
U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philad. Jan. 22, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to ~~enclose~~ send you
the enclosed papers, and to respectfully ask your
instructions ~~whether it is~~ ~~it is~~ ~~important to~~
whether ~~under the~~ the United States or myself
as Treasurer of the Mint can be made a
guarantee, and with hold payment to the depositors
or the person who may present the Certificates
of deposits properly indorsed.

It will be a source of great
inconvenience to the Mint in the affirmative

*1849

Dec. 15. No. 2317. Clarkson E. Taylor before mth. 7. App. mth. 7.
or 149.70 - 146.38

Yours obt. serv.

Samuel R. Snowden
Treas. U.S. Mint.

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treas. }
Washington City, D.C. }

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. Jan^y 22, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to ~~enclose~~ send you
the enclosed papers, and to respectfully ask your
instructions ~~whether it is~~ ~~it is~~ ~~important to~~
whether ~~the~~ the United States or myself
as Treasurer of the Mint can be made a
garnishee, and withhold payment to the depositor
or the person who may present the Certificate
of deposit properly indorsed.

It will be a source of great
inconvenience to the Mint if the affirmative
of this proposition is sustained. The dep. was
made &c. &c.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully

Yours obt. serv^t

Sam^l Ross Snowden
Treas. U. S. Mint,

Gen. Wm M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treas^y }
Washington City, &c.)

New York Jan 22 1850

Mr Sprague

Dear Sir, will you have the
kindness to ascertain what that gold I
left with you amounts to I left it
on Second of this month if you will do this
and send me word to 123 Chatham St
or 7 leaderth you will much oblige

Yours Truly G. Leach

To the
Director of U. S. Mint,
at Phil^a Penn

Lockport Jan'y 22^d 1850

On the 17th inst I received in a letter
from my Brother Daniel Stark a receipt taken by him of
Adams & Co at San Francisco for a package containing Eighty
Seven $\frac{1}{2}$ Ounces Gold Dust - and by the terms of said receipt
the same was to be forwarded to New York and delivered to the
Mint in Phil^a - Subject to the order of Joseph Stark Lockport
N. Y.

I wish to be informed of the receipt of said package
at the mint - the value of the same and how I can
obtain gold coins for the same - If I can exchange the
gold dust for coin - what length of time must I wait -

I intend to go to San Francisco as soon as I can receive
the arrival of the dust

Joseph Stark

New York July 23 1849
Mr C. Spague
Sir

You will much
oblige me by forwarding a certificate
of the Assayed value of the gold
I left with you as per Receipt
dated July 16. 1850 No. 207. for
186 65/100 ounces. I wish to use
the certificate as a friend who
has an interest with me
wishes to have town, your attention
to the above will much oblige

Yours &c

Wm Day

589 Broadway
N. Y.

New York Jan^y 23^d 1850

W. L. Mint }
Phil^a }

We send today per Adams
Hos Express one Box marked "W. L. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa. from E. G. H." containing Gold
to be assayed. The box contains 3 tin cases.

Please make returns at your earliest convenience
through Adams Hos Express

I much oblige

Yours Respectfully

Eaton Griffiths & Co.

N. 72 Spring Street

Min. of the United States,
Phil^a. Jan'y 23. 1850

Dear Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 19th inst.

I received yesterday a telegraphic despatch from Mr. Casiday of Pittsburgh on the same subject he inquired "did Coppersmith & Raisin recently exchange gold dust with you for coin?" To this I replied that no such persons had had transactions with the mint. But by your letter I find that the names were erroneously stated.

Since your letter has reached me I have caused an examination to be made and find that deposits were made of California gold for coinage by
Jacob Kieck, Nov 26, 1849. value \$ 4,882.16
John Coppersmith " " " \$ 1,327.01

For these deposits they received a certificate to be paid to each of them as order when the gold is coined. The amount has not been paid. It is proper to remark that the above names have been given up, and if the California gold is coined, the holders holding them can claim

and securing the amount due thereon. ^{by}
Supposing it to be important for you to be
aware that information as rapidly as
possible, I have sent a telegraphic ^{message} to
Mr. Canaday of Pittsburgh, stating the substance
of the foregoing in a few words.

I am very Respectfully
Yours &c.

Samuel R. Russell
Lieut. U.S. Army.

Edward M. Prendergast }
Butler }
Pa }

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia,

January 23d, 1830.

Sir,

The Annual Assay at the Mint is to be held on the 11th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional Commissioners provided for by the 3rd section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

R. M. T.

Done

To/

Hon. Gen. McMillen,

Secretary of the Treasury.

(Private.)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23, 1857.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an official letter to ask that the President will appoint, for the approaching Annual Meeting, the Commissioners whom he is authorized to designate, in addition to the Commissioners on office, — namely the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, heretofore observed by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Gen. Joseph R. Ingersoll, ^{of Philadelphia}. During the long time that he was a member of the Committee of Ways and Means, he took particular interest in the affairs of the Mint.

John Price Withersill, Esq., also of Philadelphia. His theoretical and practical knowledge of Chemistry, make him particularly suited for the duties of the Commission.

Prof. Edward A. Mott, President of Amherst College, Massachusetts, a gentleman of the highest ^{scientific} distinction in ~~science~~ ^{knowledge}.

R. M. P.

W/

Gen. Wm. M. Meredith,
Sec. of Treasury.

Bangor January 24 1850
To the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia

Sent. On the 19th
of Dec last past I sent some ounces of gold to you for
coinage by Hodgman & Co. Express of Bangor to be delivered
Adams & Co. Express and by them to be forwarded to the Mint
with the assurance from them that the money would
be returned in about two weeks and since then have
heard nothing from it. please inform me if you
have received it and let me know when it will
be ready for delivery or if now ready or if it can
be exchanged by you for money you will favour
a poor family who are now in want of the proceeds
by forwarding the amount by the same express that
conveyed it to you

Respectfully your Obedt Servt,

John Martin

MS. A. 9. 2. 4. 20

in about 2 weeks.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25 July 1879.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq
Treas of the Mint

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office
January 25 1850.

Sir

Your account of Ordinary Expenses of
the Mint, for the 4th quarter of 1849, has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance stated
to be due from you to the United States of \$ 3,425.¹⁹/₁₀₀
which is thus explained - viz

Balance due the United States per your account \$ 3,422.¹⁹/₁₀₀
Add Error in Calculation - Voucher No 267.
Sarah C Summers, for Linen apiece &c

3.00

\$ 3,425.19

Very Respectfully
Albion Whittier
Comptroller

To James R Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.
Penn.

New York July 25. 1850
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

We forward you
herewith for Adams & Co Express one small
package Gold Duck. mark 10 which you
will please have assayed and forward a
certificate of assay. and the coin to soon
as practicable. We wrote you under date of
19th Dec. also forwarding several packages of
Duck. the certificate of which we have received
but are still awaiting the coin which we
hope to receive soon and we remain

Very Truly Yours &c

Obenutt H Brown

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correspondent, and state whether you desire to pay, reply, or otherwise.

✓ It must be distinctly understood, that while the Company endeavours, by the employment of the
most faithful agents, and every means, to ensure promptitude and correctness in transmitting dis-
patches, the Company will not be responsible for the result of errors or omissions.

By Telegraph, Dated *Pittsburgh* *Nov 1849* *25*

To

Col. Snowden

Treasurer of the Mint
San developments made to me
today I advise you not to pay
the deposits in the Mint to
any order of Jacob Kainer
John Capper with jointly or
severally and me an official
certificate of deposit from each Center

John Bredins
Care of W. Cassidy
Pittsburgh
"

25 to Room 2nd Floor

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 26 1850

Sir,

Your account of Copper Coinage for the fourth quarter of 1849, has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of \$1896.⁹⁴ is stated to be due from you to the United States, which consists as follows:

Copper account	962.93
Copper Coinage	\$ 498.42
Copper Coinage in hands of Coiner	<u>\$ 435.59</u>
	<u>\$ 1896.94</u>

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Unit.
Philadelphia
Penn^a

Merchant Bank
New Bedford January 26. 1850

My dear Sir

I have your esteemed favour of the
23^d to which I thank you.

I have previously received
from Adams & Co. the Corrected Certificate.

Therefore I take the liberty
to send you a memorandum of
the receipt now on hand by me.

If consistent with your
convenience and practice may I
be allowed to request you to inform
me upon which, if any of the receipt
I am now at liberty to draw, and at what
time I may draw for the others.

I have the "memoranda" of Feb'y June

Not. 21^d ²¹⁷ 99.4257

Yours most obedt Servt
M. W. C. C.

With much Respect
W. W. C. C.
Cathin

Boston. Jan'y 26. 1850.

Hon. A. M. Patterson,
Director re.

Sir:

On the 26th of December last, I left at the Mint in Philada. a considerable amount of Gold Dust. At that time I asked the gentleman, acting for the Treasurer, where the same would be coined: to which he replied, "two weeks & a half." It is already one month since I rec^d. that answer, & yet my money is not ready. And now I have good reason for believing that it will not be coined under a week or two & perhaps a month to come. I am thus losing the interest, & am besides put to much inconvenience, & having made arrangements for my money at the expiration of the two weeks & a half named.

You will greatly oblige me, Sir, by giving me such information as you may ^{see} get relative to the time of coining the Gold Dust in question.

Respectfully, Your obt. Servt.

Edw. Warren.

N^o. 2450.

in about 2 weeks.

New York Jan 26/50

Dear Sir

The dust enquired for by
Mr Geo Stark Lockport N.Y. is still
at Chicago. The B&O under which
it was shipped at San Francisco
designating the Steamers of Howard
& Co. as the carriers from Chicago
to New York, with some \$400.00
additional but to Panama by the
Union Lee "1st" - Neither the
Empire City nor President City being at
Chicago on the arrival of the dust
per Union Lee has caused the delay.

We have written Mr Stark by the
mail of today in explanation
of the above.

Yours Respectfully,

Wm. S. C.

Dr. Patterson
Minneapolis
July

New York June 24th 1850

To The Pres. U.S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir,

On 15th inst you rec^d from me
for your receipt 53⁴/₁₀₀ New Orleans Gold dust for coinage -
These have now elapsed, & I am without the state-
ment of its assay. Should feel obliged, in returning the same
you feel for return of mail - Intern

Yours

Yours

R. Page

(124 Nassau Lane)

Agent of the United States,
Phil^a. Pa., Aug 26, 1850.

Dear Sir

I received to day your telegraphic
despatch from Pittsburg.

I presume that my answer to
your nephew, Ed. M. Medicine Esq, who wrote to
me on the same subject will probably reach
him to day. In that letter I stated the amount
expended by the persons named.

You are no doubt aware that it is
not competent to make the Agent or myself
as Treasurers a guarantee in reference to
cases such as this. Yet on presentation of
facts showing that a felony or fraud was com-
mitted I might withhold payment, until the
rights of the parties concerned were determined.

~~The~~ A difficulty in this case may arise if
the depositors have assigned their Certificates
to innocent persons without notice: in as
much as I pay to the holder of the Certificate
where the same is endorsed by the Agent.
I will not make payment in these cases, for
the present and will at all events withhold

the same until I hear from you or from
Mr. Ed. M. Prudden, stating the grounds on
which the proceeds of these deposits should
not be paid to the Leperitors,

Very truly yours friend
and ob. servt.

Samuel R. P. Church
Treasurer,

Hon. John Prudden
Pres. Judge 17th Judicial
District of Penna.

New York. Jan'y 26 1850

Mr

Excuse & apologise in advance
for making an inquiry that may be
out of the usual course. please inform
me as soon as convenient, how much
the Mint will give in return for 370
Mexican sixteenth of a doubloon, in gold
pieces, fresh & of full weight.

Very respectfully

Lyons & Wells

100.

Southern - 15 1/2 -

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Jan^y 26 1850

L. K. Snowden Esq,
Treasury Building Sir

Accompanying this by Livings
ton & Co^y express you have for coinage 116 of 18th
bar & dust gold. Please forward receipt in
our name by Livingston & Co & assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

J. Thompson

64 Wa.

My attendant
U.S. Mint, New York, Aug. 26th 1858

Dear Sir, Washington

Enclosed is a package of
gold which please coin and
return to me

Rates of Discount on Bank Notes.

EASTERN.....

PHILADELPHIA.....

BALTIMORE.....

N. Y. COUNTRY.....

CANADA.....

OHIO & IA.....

MICHIGAN.....

VIRGINIA.....

N. CAROLINA.....

S. CAROLINA.....

GEORGIA.....

KY. & MO.....

NEW ORL.....

MOBILE.....

Very Respectfully Yours

James Thompson
by *Wm. L. Garrison*

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 27, 1850.

My dear Sir,

In a former letter, I fixed upon February 1st as the earliest day on which I could get away from my entanglements here. I cherished the purpose, however, if unimpeded exertions could effect it, to be in Philadelphia by Jan. 15th. Well, I have been working day & night, and here is the 27th January, and there is still much undone that ought to be done in order that I may leave my accounts in a satisfactory condition. I am so near the end of the work, however, that I can say with confidence that another week would suffice to close up every thing. But this would delay my departure till Feb. 4th. I find myself therefore in a most painful position. Duty calls me in opposite directions. A few days more of labor and my books will speak for themselves & I can leave them with a clear conscience. But then how can I longer abuse your patience? I cannot ask for any further indulgence. I assure you, my dear Sir, that I was never more embarrassed by a conflict of duties in my life.

I write now to say that I shall still aim to leave here by Thursday next, Jan. 31st.

If, however, on receipt of this, the State of
things at the Mint should justify you in assenting
to my remaining here till Feb. 14th, it would
be a great relief to me to receive a tele-
graphic dispatch to that effect.

Very respectfully

I truly am,

Yours, &c.
Geo. F. Downing

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Telegraph via Bath..

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patches, the Company will not be responsible for the result of errors or omissions.

By Telegraph, Date *Pittsburgh Jan 25th* 1870

To *J. Ross Snowden*

Are the Deposits in the Mint
of 20 has any transfer been made
of Certificate and to whom - and
to whom your Certificate sold
for face - Did Coffersmith &
Kearin draw any thing from
Mint when Deposits were made
and what amount

A. H. Canaday

Answer paid for

Mail of the U.S. Phil.
Jan. 28. 1850

The Dep. are not p^d. We have
no means of knowing whether any ap^ts.
have been made or not, inasmuch as
the Cent^l and in all cases del^{ts} to the
Dep^s & are payable to them on order: and
and. There is an ap^t. & of this we
can only know when the Cent^l is paid
for payment. Nothing has been paid
in these cases. I most fully in
this light to Mr. Bondin on the
23rd inst. by mail.

Yours
E. R. Snodden

To John H. Candee
Pittsburgh.

Copy of Let. Rec. sent
Jan. 28. 1850. a few min. past 10 o'clock
A.M. Y S. R. V.

Dr Sir.

Albany, Jan 28. 1850

I have in my possession
some California gold; I am told, it
is of the purest kind, in lumps & dust,
weighing 92 1/2 ounces. I wish to ascertain
whether I can exchange it at
the mint for its value in coin.

If so, please inform me, and also
what I will realize for it, if it is
as I represent it. An early reply
will oblige me.

Direct to Dr. P. Van Buren

115 Greene St

Albany

Washington City, Jan. 28. 1850

Sir

I send by Adams' Express, to be coined at the Mint, a small parcel containing specimens of California Gold. I wish the receipt - which is usually given upon delivery at the Mint, and a memorandum of the proceeds, so soon as ascertained, to be transmitted to me direct, as upon receipt thereof I can get the money of a Broker in this City at once - without the delay of waiting for the gold to be coined, or the expense either of return - carriage by the Express.

If practicable, I request that the proceeds of each of the two parcels marked "A" & "B" - as contained in the remittance - may be set forth in the mem^o which you will send me.

Very Respy Yours

W C Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U S Mint
Phila^{del}

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia,
Jan. 28, 1850.

Sir,

In a letter which I ^{sent to you} ~~sent to you~~ on the 8th of
November last, with estimates of the appropriations that
would be required by the Mint, for the fiscal year end-
ing June 30, 1851, I stated that the California gold
had subjected this Mint to great expenses by a
necessary increase in the laboratory, and the employment
of a number of additional workmen. I also stated,
that in consequence of this, the funds available for
the present fiscal year must certainly fall short of
the expenses, so that there ^{will} ~~will~~ be a deficit which must
be supplied by an extra appropriation. What amount
would be required, we were then not able to esti-
mate, and our application has been deferred until
this time, not

I now earnestly apply, through you, for an
extra appropriation, of twelve thousand dollars,
to supply the deficit in the appropriation, for the

An estimate of the Means and Expended of the Mint for the Balance of the present fiscal year 1849-50

Means.

1. January 25, 1850. Balance in the ordinary fund	\$ 1662.
2. Estimated profit on sale of copper coin	5000
3. " " Deduction from deposits	12,000
4. Appropriations withdrawn, for salaries and wages	15,200
Total estimated means	\$ 33,862

Expended.

1. Expense for salaries and wages (specific appropriation)	\$ 15,200
2. unsettled wastage - estimated	500
3. Bills unpaid and rendered	5,773
4. Wages chargeable to contingent fund	2,689
5. Salary of clerk from Feb. to July at \$100 per month	500
6. For acids \$9600; for silver alloy \$5100; copper alloy \$500	15,200
7. Contingent expenses not before estimated	6,000
Total estimated expenses	\$ 45,862

Estimated Deficit

\$ 12,000

Note. Our experience since the date of the above shows that the items means & expended, and no. of expended should both have been larger. The increase in each is, or should be, the same, the deduction being reserved ^{almost exclusively} to defray the expense of acids and alloy. The difference between the means and expenses will, of course, be unaffected.

Feb. 25th 1850

E. P.

Birmingham 28th/50
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dr Sir will you please
inform me the ^{net} amount of gold & silver in
the Mint on Receipt for Gold Bars deposited
Dec 21st 1849 No. 2406 weight of Bars
12.34/100 Oz and much oblige yours

Very Respectfully
Wm. St. J. Bapitt

Treasury Department,
28th January, 1850.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 23rd inst.
I have to inform you, that the Hon. Joseph
R. Ingersoll of Philadelphia, Hon. Charles
King, President of Columbia College, New
York, and Hon. John Price McNeill of
Philadelphia, have been appointed to attend the an-
nual assay at the Mint on the second Mon-
day of February next. —

Very respectfully,
your obt. Servt.

W. M. Meredith
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Philadelphia.

New York Jan 28th 1850

Will the Treasurer of the Mint oblige us
by furnishing us with a Memorandum of the
value of the Gold we deposited on the 14th instant.
viz. By 259 ¹⁰⁰ per. Also if possible when it will be ready.
Please address

J. W. Meir

315 Nassau Street

New York.

(Copy the original has sent to back, to)

Philadelphia Jan. 29, 1850

Sir,

It is so probable that I shall be out of town on the 11th of February that I should be unwilling to run the risk of failure in attendance at the Court at the time and for the purpose named in your communication of this date. I did delay therefore to reply (aggravatingly to your request) and inform you that it will not be in my power to accept the appointment.

With great respects,

Your faithful servant,

J. R. Ingersoll.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Office.

Aug. 29/50

J. V. Edlinson Esq

Mr. Duffin will call me to the coast
some day this week - will you be kind enough
to inform me by return mail whether I can get
the coin for \$459 - or when

once oblige I beg your

Louisa Barnet

On about 19 days.

Baltimore
Jun. 30th
1850

Sir

I send you with
this a package of Gold Dust
via "Adams Express"

Please return a receipt
for the amount by the
same Express.

And as soon as arrived
or the net value of this and
my deposits of the 15th inst.
is ascertained. Please
forward me a certificate
of the same directed to
this place.

Very Respectfully,
Geo. T. Emerson

R. M. Patterson - Esq.
Director
U. S. Mint
Phila.

Senate Chamber
Washington Jan^y 30th 1850.

Robert M. Patterson Esq:

Sir;

You are aware that a number of memorial have been presented to Congress at its present Session, praying for the establishment of a Branch Mint ~~in~~ the City of New York. In order to act understandingly on this subject it is necessary to be informed of the capacity of the U. States Mint at Philadelphia to do the business of the Country. If it be of capacity to coin all the gold and silver that find their way to this Country, it would be a useless expenditure of money to establish a Branch Mint at New York. Will you be good enough to inform whether it be so or not.

Very respectfully
your obt. S^{vt}

James Cooper

Albion N.Y. Phil. Jan 30, 1850

Sir,

I regret to state that I have to send you the enclosed letter, ^{from}
the Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, in which he states that it is not in his
power to accept the appointment of Acting Commissioner. Although
the law does not name the number of Commissioners, it has been cus-
tomary to appoint three, in addition to the three that are to officiate.
Let me then, respectfully, express the hope that the President will
designate some one to supply the place of Mr. Ingersoll.
With best wishes accept his appointment. An Printed Slip
I have not yet received.

R. M. W.

Wm

Yr. H.

Philadelphia Jan'y 30th 1850.

Dr Sir

In reply to yours of 29th Inst enclosing
Honble Wm M Meredith Secy of the Treasury letter
in relation to my appointment by the President
of the United States, as one of the Commissioners
to attend the Annual Assay. It is with
pleasure I accept the honor & will be present
on the day appointed.

Very respectfully

Your friend

Robt M Patterson Esq
Senator

John P. Wetherill

W. of N. S.
Ph. Jan. 30. 1850.

Sir, I have your letter of the 18th inst. I find on examination that the gold referred to, was deposited on the 15th inst. by Messrs. Adams & Co., who have the Mint receipt subject to the order of Messrs. Wells & Co. who sent the gold to them.

I will be able to pay this deposit say in 20 days from the present time. it will be taken charge of, by the Express Agents who have made the deposit.

Some improvement made in the Wells' deposit will enable us hereafter to make payments more promptly.

The plan you have selected of sending the Bullion by Express Agents and letting them hold the receipt is perhaps the best one you could adopt to get the coin deliv^d to you as expeditiously as possible.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.

L L Tansworth Esq,
Detroit
Mich.

(signed)
J. R. S.

Mint W.D., Jan 30, 1850.

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th was not received until this morning,
and Mr. Spind, on inquiring, that the ^{value} of specimens of Cali-
fornia Gold were brought to the Mint yesterday, and that they
were not accepted, because the amount was less than the limit
of \$100, ^{in many of the} as ~~that~~ on pieces the gold was adhering to quartz.

The Clerk acted in compliance with the rules of the Mint, in
refusing the deposit; but if your letter had been received by me
in time, a closer examination would have been made, and ~~perhaps~~
if practicable, the gold would have been accepted.

R. M. P.

Sr.

W. C. Choate, Esq.
Washington, D.C.

Mechanics Bank of Balt^d
January 31st 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

Enclose your receipt No 2415 dated
December 22^d 1849 for ~~\$~~231.87 ounces of
of Gold Bullion which we forwarded to you
on the 21st Ult.^o per Adams & Co. We will
esteem it a particular favor if you will
retain the certificate until you can forward
to us per Adams & Co. Gold Dollars for the same,
knowing your friendly disposition to serve
us we will wait your convenience &
remain

Very respectfully

James M. Howard
Cash.

P.S.

The endorsement on the certificate was made
for presentation some time since, Adams & Co
will endorse it when they receive the Gold

New York. Jan'y 31. 1850
R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Dr. Sir.

We are very much
in want of \$2000 Gold (in 2 Boxes of \$1000
each) of dimes & half dimes which we hope
you will oblige us with against amount of
Gold dust deposited with mint on 20 Dec last
or if required we will replace the amount in
large Silver or Gold coin as you may decide.

We have given Messrs Adams & Co an order
to receive same for us if it should be satisfac-
tory to you

Yours Truly
H.C.

Orville H. Brown

San Francisco Aug 31st 1850.
To the Presiding Officer of the A. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

We have this day shipped
by Steam of Oct 1st Three hundred Seventy five ounces
Gold Dust (375 ozs) valued at Six Thousand Dollars to
your care for Coining the proceeds to hold subject to the
order of Willard P. Phillips Esq of Salem. Mass. on agent

We have assigned Wm Phillips of this committee and en-
closed to him a Bill of Lading from Massachusetts who
sends the dust to your Mint.

We trust you have already received the parcel of
Gold Dust from us of 937 1/2 ozs sent by Steam of Jan 1st.
Subject to the order of Wm Phillips as above mentioned.

We remain truly & Respectfully yours
John Leach & others

owners of Ship Elizabeth

Salem and W. Lawrence

per L. P. Harrison

Balto. January 31st 1850

Dear Sir

Mrs. Josephine Stocker has handed me a receipt from you for the Treasurer of the Mint, for 12 ^{lbs} of California Gold deposited with you for the purpose of obtaining its ret value, and states that you were to send her word in four weeks from the date of the receipt which is January 1st 1850, No 12.

Will you be so kind as to send me word if its value has been ascertained, and if so address the certificate to her, or in an envelope address'd to me.

Her circumstances are limited and hence her desire to know as soon as possible the value of her deposits.

If it is not yet ascertained please allow me to ask the favour of a line stating when she shall receive a certificate from the Mint and oblige

Very Respectfully &c
Jno. B. Sidenstricker
101 Gay Street
Baltimore

Edward Sprague Esq
U. S. Clerk,



WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, Jan 24. 1850

A. R. Snowding Esq
New York

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co. Express for coinage 117 g. 7 dwt.
bars & grains gold. please return receipt by
the bearer & assay by mail.

Respectfully

Wm. Kelley & Co.

By E. Stephens

We have not used the assay of No 267. & 412. which
were directed to be sent by mail please forward
them -

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1, 1850.

Gentlemen
Dear Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday, and I regret to say that your request cannot be granted, as we cannot now give silver in return for gold. If you can send us silver foreign coins or bullion, we can repay in the coins which you desire, ~~but not otherwise~~.

Very respectfully, yours,

R. W. Patterson,

Director.

Messrs. Everett & Brown,

New York.

~~James H. Adams, Esq.~~

~~London &c.~~

~~Section of the Mint.~~

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" WASHINGTON.....Cor. of Louisiana Avenue and Sixth-st.
" PHILADELPHIA.....Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-st.
" NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover street, cor. of Beaver-st.

By Telegraph, dated New York July 1st 1850.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, 1850. 2 o'clock, 15 min. P. M.

To: Col Page

J. W. Hill is authorized
to draw bullion

A R Spur

since a copy of
of my clients
letter to let me
understand the
c. It is clear
submitted as
fully
H. Page

Remden
Tras

The debt is therefore canceled

8/20

H. Page.

for the share
amounting to

Dear Sir.

I send you as I promised a copy of
the report with touching the gold & my claims
claim. Have you any objection to let me
have a copy of the report showing the
amount, number value etc. It is clear
a great wrong has been committed as
to the gold.

Yrs truly
J. R. Ingram

Rec^d Jan 7 22, 1850.

J. R. Ingram
Treas

New York Wednesday evening
Dear Brother

You will oblige me by
giving the certificate of deposit in your
hands to John B. Hill according to the
articles of agreement which Drage & Maynard
will show you, and which I will explain
to you when I see you. You will endorse
it of course,

Your affectionate Brother
Wm. R. Paylor.

C. E. Paylor.

New York Jan. 19. 1850.

Sir

In behalf of the Claimants I respectfully
notify you that One hundred and forty nine
ounces and seventy parts of an ounce of
California Gold deposited in the United
States Mint in this City in December last by
Augustus H. Taylor in the name of Clark-
son E. Taylor of the City of New Brunswick
New Jersey is the property of the New Brun-
swick and California Mining and Tra-
ding Company, and of individuals
members of the same, and that neither
the said parties the said Augustus H. and
Clarkson E. Taylor has any property therein.

You are therefore notified not to deliver the
said Gold or its product in coin or otherwise
to either or both of the said Taylors, the pos-
session of the same having been illegally
and fraudulently obtained.

Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
James Bagg

Wm. D. R. Seward
Ap. 7. U. S.

Att. for Claimants
101. Wall St.

Mr Augustus T. Taylor agrees to place in the hands of John B. Hill Cashier of the State Bank at New Brunswick a certificate of deposit made by Clarkson E. Taylor of 149 oz and 70 parts of an ounce of gold dust deposited by him in December last at the United States Mint in Philadelphia and that the said C. E. Taylor shall endorse the same so as to enable the said John B. Hill to obtain from the Mint the proceeds arising from said deposit and the said amount of said proceeds shall be kept by J. B. Hill after the following sums shall be drawn therefrom First

To the order of said A. T. Taylor such sum of money as may be the product of said gold dust over and above the sum of sixteen dollars per ounce

Second

To the order of T & Ackerman for the share represented by John C. Ackerman amounting to \$408 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ whenever the same is amicably arranged with the heirs of J. C. Ackerman

Third

To the order of Wiley & Williams the sum of \$435 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ also subject to a like amicable arrangement with the heirs of William Marsh

Fourth

To the order of John Johnson the sum of \$260. subject to a like arrangement with the heirs of John W. Van Middlesworth deceased.

The balance then remaining in the hands

of said E. B. Hill of said moneys that
retained by him as a special deposit
for my use until an amicable settlement
of the same is effected by the several parties
interested therein if there be any such persons
but this writing is not to be understood as
admitting that there are any such.
And it is understood that if any error has
been made in the computations by Dr. Taylor
of the amount of Wm. Marsh's share or if
any other of said shares the same is to be
allowed and rectified and this writing is
voluntarily given to quiet the apprehensions
of the said several parties until the receipt
of further information from California and
is not to be considered binding upon me
after or beyond the first of June next.

Angl. T. Taylor.
dated 23 January 1855.

In presence of
John L. Hager
J. A. Taylor

4
under
signed
may
also

be undersigned, being those who forwarded the affa-
davit, in relation to the deposit of California Gold
made by Clarkson, Edgar, Taylor. Again the proceeds
of said deposit may be paid to John B. Hill, Cashier
of the State Bank at New Brunswick, or to his order,
as per agreement made with the parties interested in
the same. Copy of which may be placed in your hands
by A. R. Spurr Esq. Mining Agent, N. B.

New Brunswick
Jan. 4. 31. 1850.

Wm. Ashmun
John Johnson

Harvey Wiley
Geo. Sherman

Treasury Department
February 1. 1850.

Sir

I enclose herewith a letter of
appointment to Henry M. Watts Esq. as assay Commissioner
in the place of Jos. R. Ingersoll Esq. who declines
serving.

I am very Respectfully

W. M. Meredith

Sec. of the Treasury.

Jr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia.

New York, Febry 1850

Director of the U S Mint

You will receive by Mr Brown
a Bundle of Gold Dust, which please weigh, and
send me a receipt for same, directed to the care
of Alexander McKerrin 85 Beaver St New York

Respy Yours

Jno Wadsworth

weight 60^{or dust} 18

New York Feb the 9. 1880.

Dear Sir

I wish you would inform me when my
Gold will be ready so that I can come after it.
If you will have the goodness to do so it will
save me a considerable trouble
it was deposited On the 29 of December 1856.
No. 4527 One thousand sixty three
Dances Y^{rs}

George W. Colburn J. Joseph Thurston

Location 31 N. 4th St. New York

In about 2 weeks.

Washington City, Feb 4. 1848

Dear Sir -

Messrs. Adams & Co. have returned to me the parcel of gold which I had forwarded thro them to the Mint for Coinage - and I have received your letter of 30th ult. explaining why it was returned. I regret that it could not be accepted by the Mint. My object now is to enquire whether, in case I meet with some one else who is sending Gold Dust to the Mint, and unite mine with it - the ~~value~~ proceeds of mine will be ascertained & considered, apart from that with which it is sent? I should hope that this may be done - or else that you will favour me with a suggestion as to the best mode of realising the value of the gold in my possession

In haste

Most Respy. Yrs

W. C. Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of Mint
Philad.

House of Representatives
Washington. Feb 4. 1850

R. Mc Patterson Esq

My Dear Sir

The effort to
establish a Branch meeting in New York is unavailing
and I take the liberty of enclosing to you the accompanying
papers which sets forth the wishes & the arguments
of the petitioners.

When I had the pleasure of conversing with you last
you mentioned that there were many valid arguments
against the measure proposed, with you as your belief
you are your views yet unchanged.

Very truly Yours

Wm R Chandler

**TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.**

THE MEMORIAL OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW YORK,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS,

THAT, in the opinion of your memorialists, the public interest requires the establishment of a Branch Mint at the City of New York. In support of this opinion, your memorialists do not propose to present a lengthened argument. That has been rendered unnecessary by the elaborate discussion of the question in the last Annual Report of the late Secretary of the Treasury. In that report, as in all his previous annual reports, he strongly recommends the measure. Your memorialists wish to advert, very briefly, to two or three considerations only.

The Constitution gives to Congress the sole power of coining money. This grant carries with it a correlative duty. Coin being essential to a civilized community, and the several states, as well as individuals, being forbidden to furnish it, Congress would seem to be clearly bound, not only to exercise the power thus exclusively conferred upon them, but to do so in such a way, and at such convenient points, as will best subserve and protect the interests inseparably connected with it. These points are obviously those where the precious metals are found, or where foreign coin and bullion enter the country. The Government has fully recognized the correctness of this view, by establishing branch mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega, within the gold region of the Southern States, and at New Orleans, where a considerable amount of foreign coin arrives. If, then, it be shown that the same reason which must have induced the Government to establish a mint at New Orleans, exists with greater force in respect to New York, it can hardly be doubted that Congress will establish a Mint there also.

From a table appended to the Treasury Report, of December, 1847, it appears that the total import of coin and bullion into the United States during the year ending the 1st of that month, as far as then ascertained, was.....\$24,153,000

This amount was received at various points, as follows:

At Boston,.....	\$12,814,000	
" New York,.....	8,732,000	
" Philadelphia,.....	256,000	
" Baltimore,.....	170,000	
" Mobile,.....	200,000	
" New Orleans,.....	1,523,000	
" all other ports,.....	458,000	\$24,153,000

Of the amount received at Boston, sent chiefly by the Canard Steamers, which then came no farther, a large portion is known to have been imported for New York account. The statement shows that out of *twenty-four millions* of dollars in specie then imported, *twenty-one millions* arrived at Boston and New York, where there is no mint, while Philadelphia, containing the principal mint of the Union, received the inconsiderable sum, comparatively, of \$256,000 only.

From the best data your memorialists can obtain, they estimate the whole amount of gold brought from California to the Atlantic States during the year 1849, at from five to six millions of dollars. Of this amount, from four to five millions, it is believed, came into New York.

The amount of foreign coin annually brought into the United States by emigrants, has been estimated at \$8,000,000. Much of the coin that comes in this way, is immediately carried into the interior, whence it gradually finds its way back to the sea board. Most of the silver coin goes back to Europe in the same form in which it arrived, and also a small portion of the gold. Of the remaining gold, a great part is ultimately sent to Philadelphia to be re-coined; probably two or three millions per annum. Your memorialists have reason to believe, that at least one million of the amount brought by emigrants, is annually transmitted from New York alone.

As the risk, expense and delay, of sending foreign coin and bullion from New York to the mint, (a distance of nearly 100 miles,) and of procuring American coin in return, are deemed fully equivalent to a charge of a quarter per

cent., much of the coin imported in 1847 would have remained in its foreign shape, had not the Government assumed the burthen of forwarding a large amount. The Treasury Report, of December, 1848, states that from 1st March, 1845, to 30th November, 1848, the amount of foreign coin sent by the Government to the mint for re-coinage, was \$11,463,000. As long as a great portion of the commerce of the United States concentrates at New York, it is evident, considering the present facilities for transportation by steamers, that a corresponding proportion of specie, whenever there is an import from Europe, will come direct to this city. The comparative extent of the commerce of New York, so far as it relates to imports, is shown by the amount of duties there collected. It appears from the Treasury Report, of December, 1848, that from the 1st of January, 1847, to 30th November, 1848, (twenty-three months,) the amount paid into the New York Custom House for duties, was \$35,360,000, in specie, being *two-thirds* of the amount collected for duties throughout the Union.

Having thus shown that the City of New York receives from *one-half* to *three-quarters* of all the foreign coin imported from Europe, *two-thirds* of all the gold sent home from California, and *one-third* of the gold furnished from the interior by emigrants for re-coinage; and that it pays in specie *two-thirds* of the whole revenue arising from duties, your memorialists respectfully submit, that the conclusion clearly follows, that the public good imperatively demands the establishment of a mint at the same commercial centre, that so both government and people may turn bullion into money, and foreign coin into American, without hazard, expense, or loss of time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

New York, January 25th, 1850.

At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held this day, the foregoing Memorial was presented by a Committee, previously charged with the consideration of the subject, and, on motion, was unanimously adopted as the sense of this body.

It was ordered, that a copy of the Memorial be transmitted to each House of Congress, and that five hundred copies be printed, and that each Senator and Representative in Congress, be furnished with a printed copy of the same.

Extract from the minutes.

M. H. GRINNELL,

President.

Attest,

M. MAURY,

Secretary.



Treasury Department
February 4, 1880.

Sir

Mr. King having, in a letter addressed
to the department declined serving as an assay
Commissioner I enclose a letter of appointment for
Prof. Edward Hitchcock recommended in your letter
of the 23rd ultimo.

I am very Respectfully

W. A. Wood
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.

Phil. 4 Feb. 1850

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst. has been
received, in which I am advised that the
President has designated me one of the
Commissioners to attend the Annual Assem-
bly at the mine on Monday the 11th inst.

It will afford me much plea-
sure to perform the duty.

I am the honor to be

Very respectfully
Yours &c

A. Watts

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director &c.

THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION

H. R. 24.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FEBRUARY 4, 1850.

Mr. SCHENCK, on leave, introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A BILL

To regulate the value of certain foreign coins within the United States, and to provide for the coinage of double dime pieces.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That from and after the first day of July next,
4 any coin in circulation in the United States of the denomi-
5 nation of one-eighth of a dollar, or of the nominal value
6 of twelve and a half cents, shall be taken and received at
7 the value of a dime or ten cents only, and any coin of the
8 denomination of one-sixteenth part of a dollar, or of the
9 nominal value of six and one-fourth cents, shall in like
10 manner be taken and received as of the value of half a
11 dime or five cents only.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from and
2 after the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and
3 fifty-one, any foreign coin circulating within the United

4 States of the denomination of one-fourth part of a dollar,
5 or of the nominal value of twenty-five cents, shall be taken
6 and received for twenty cents only.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall
2 be, from time to time, struck and coined at the Mint of the
3 United States, and the branches thereof, conformably in
4 all respects to law, and to the present standard for silver
5 coins of the United States, coins of silver of the denomi-
6 nation of double dime pieces, each of said coins to be of
7 the value of twenty cents, and a legal tender in all cases
8 for that sum ; and all laws now in force in relation to the
9 coins of the United States, for regulating the striking and
10 coining the same, for preventing the counterfeiting or de-
11 basing of coins, or for any other purpose, whether penal
12 or otherwise, shall have full force and effect, so far as the
13 same may be applicable, in relation to the new coins here-
14 in authorized.

Saturday 3rd July 1850.

James T. Snowden, Esq.,
Treasurer of the Mint.

Dear Sir

My dear Sir
Coppernicks, was before me in a proceeding
under the provisions of the act authorizing
improvement for debt. Kupper had been
sent to California, under a contract with
Michael Greene man, Esq, of this place
Coppernicks under a contract with Philip
Eggs, or others. By these contracts they were
to remain there two years, and give to share
who sent them, the one half of the
proceeds of their labour. They both stated on
oath that they had made some \$800 or
\$900 ~~of each~~ each. out of which they
had paid their proper & other expenses,
as well as to between \$400 & \$500 each.
That they had sold their Gold dust in
New York to a Broker, had not deposited
any in the Mint at Philadelphia,
nor elsewhere. They were not any person
for them. The whole of this testimony
satisfied me that they had stolen fairly,
and I believed they had no addition to

the amount expended some \$2300 each, whereby
the deposits in the Mint. In consequence
of this holding, I suggested to you the
propriety of retaining the deposits & returning
them & I believe now that they have
the right to be in their proper place.
I know that you would not be made
a Quaker, nor would payment
be withheld against an innocent holder
of the certificate. But when a fraud has
been committed, & crime of a dark & deep
kind committed also, it seems that no person
would consider it improper in the officers
of the Mint, to withhold, & refuse payment
until the parties were judicially
ascertained.

I am with sentiments of
respect & esteem Yours

John Breckinridge

To the
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Sir,

Philadelphia, 3^d February 1850

Your favor of yesterday's date is to hand
I have received from Miss Adams & your certificate which
has been deposited in Bank for Collection.

Can any time be fixed upon as the maximum
time when returns in coin may be counted upon from
dust sent to the mint. I have made enquiries of
several large receivers, but neither they or the Banks
can give me the desired information.

Excuse the trouble I have given you in this
small affair.

Very resp^y
Yours O^b Servant
E. M. W. Carrere

No. 2288 ready for payment Jan. 30/50

No 174

Newark N. J. Feb 26th 1850

Please send me the assay of Gold
Bullion deposited by me January 15th 1850
and oblige yours Respectfully

No 36 Wm. St.

James Whittemore

N.Y. 6th Feby. 1830

Dear Sir,

I enclose please find Invoice
of one Bar of Steel agreeable to your esteemed order
to our Mr. Wm. H. Ask, which we trust will so
meet your approbation as to induce you to favour
us with further orders.

Most respectfully

Your obed^t. Servt.

Thos. Swinton & Sons

by Wm. H. Ask

To Robt. M. Paterson Esq^r

Director U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Mont of the United States
Feb. 7. 1850.

Sir, I enclose you a certificate of
deposits in the Bank of Pennsylvania
in the City for the sum of \$1524³⁷ in being
the amount of your deposits of gold Bullion
the statements of which I also enclose.

I beg to say that this transaction
is a little out of our usual course and must
not be drawn into a precedent. If you
send Bullion hereafter you must authorize
some one not in the Mint, to receive and
take charge of the proceeds.

Very respy
Yours obd servt
Signed J. P. Snowden
Treas.

J. P. Kingsley, Esq
North Adams,
Mass.

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BY BAIN'S ELECTRO-CHEMICAL TELEGRAPH,

Dated New York Feb 7th 1859.

U.S. Mint

*How John S. Hollins
deposited gold dust
since December 20th
Suspicion of Robbery causes
me to enquire*

*W. A. Pratt
64 Beekman St.*

Philadelphia Dec 7th 1839

Mr Patterson

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned, a young married man, respectfully & earnestly asks of you, a situation in the mint; to do any thing he can.

If you can at any time let the writer have the boon which he humbly petitions, you will confer a favour which may not be forgotten.

I am a printer, formerly worked in the Office of the "Presbyterian"; printed by Mr Wm. S. Martin. — I should like to leave the business it not agreeing with me; I loving work which gives exercise with it.

My residence is No 1, Sycamore St. between Juniper & Broad. If you direct a note to the above place at your leisure, you

Will much oblige

Your humble petitioner

Joseph Crain

P.S.

Wages not so much consequence as Employment.

The best of reference given if you require it.

J.C.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York. July 7 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas. US Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston & Co Express for coinage 370 oz of 15 dwt California Gold. Please return receipt by return & forward assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm Kelley & Co
By Estlin

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Feb. 7, 1850.

Sir,

Under the 32^d section of the Mint Act of Apr. 18, 1837,
you are designated as one of the Commissioners, ex officio,
to attend the annual assay at the Mint.

I beg leave, therefore, to inform you that the
Assay will be held on Monday next at 9 o'clock.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

Wm. H. Johnson
Per James B. Fox

To

District Judge
District Attorney
Collector

R. M. Patterson Esq^r
Director of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

New York Feb^y 7. 1850

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you inclosed receipt
of Messrs Adams & Co for one Box marked
R B no 9 shipped to your address & their express,
containing Four hundred & twenty ounces
420 Oz Gold dust, which you will please to
coin into five or ten Dollar pieces as may
be most expedient & send me the Mint certi-
cate therefore at the same time informing
me when the same will be ready for delivery.

Yours very respectfully
Asa P. T. [Signature]

Washington Feb. 7. '50

Sir,

I send you by the bearer Mr
Hoywood five hundred and seventy
five dollars in gold coined at
the Great Salt Lake City, for which
you will please forward me a certi-
ficate by mail at your earliest
convenience, and inform me when
I may draw for the amount.

Respectfully yours,

John M. Bernhisel

J^r R. M. Patterson

New York Feb 7, 1850

N. M. Patterson Esq
Director of U. S. Mints
Philadelphia
Dr Sir

We send you
for Adams & Co Express a package marked
S.D.#83. which please have assayed and
send us certificate of same in our
name.

Hoping to hear from same at
earliest convenience

We remain

Yours Truly

Ernest H Brown

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, Feb 7 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Mass Wmms, & Son

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co Express for coinage 195 of 15 cents
California Dollars. Please return receipt by
letter & forward along by mail

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

Miss West.

Phil. Feb. 8, 1850.

Sir,

~~Yours~~

I received last evening your telegraphic despatch,
and have had our books carefully examined ^{from the beginning of Decr. to the day}, but the name
of John L. Hollins is not found in them. ~~Kindly~~
~~very~~ ~~respected~~

P. M. R.

Am.

Wm. H. Pratt, Esq.

3 Warren Street
New York. 8th Feb 1850.

Sir,

Presuming that the enormous
increase of the Importation of Californian
Gold, occasions a considerable addition
to the ordinary employment of the
Officers of the Mint, I beg to enquire
whether you have an opportunity of
making such services as I could render,
useful in carrying on the business of
that Establishment.

I am Englishman of unquestionable
reputation and industry, recently
arrived in this Country. I have
studied under the first lecturer in
England, that branch of Chemistry,
which applies to the assaying and
valuing of all descriptions of minerals,
and have worked for some time as
an assayer of Gold Silver, and I flatter

myself that my qualifications in that
branch of my Profession would be found
undisputed. I am 35 Years of Age,
and as an Accountant and Clerk of Business
I possess qualities far exceeding mediocrity.
I am also acquainted with the usual
practice of writing, but I must also
remark, that I have had no qualifications
in that branch.

If you should be in want of
assistance in any department, not absolutely
subservient, I shall be happy to turn
from you, and as my object is to be
employed rather than remunerated
I shall not be very particular about the
terms: for I feel confident that my
talent and zeal, would be duly appreciated,
after a reasonable trial, and a due
compensation awarded me for the same.

Trusting to hear from you,

I remain respectfully
Sir,

Your obedient Servant
W. Clayton Bennett,

Address. W. Clayton Bennett
Care of St. Pauls Church
3 Warren Street
New York.

North Adams Mass Feb 8th 1850

Dear Sir

I received yours of Jan saying
you would deposit in the bank to
my credit &c. I have not received the
certif. cate. I will thank you to send it
immediately.

And Oblige Your
Obedt Servant

Mr James A. Snowden
Treasurer of Fed Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Saml. B. Kingsley

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, Feb. 8th 1850.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., in which you call my attention to the subject of the proposed Branch Mint, ^{at New York} and the memorials relating thereto, I beg leave to present the following considerations.

First. As to the capacity of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The coinage at this Mint in 1847, was \$14,348,366. This was by far the greatest amount that had ever before been executed ^{and} in any one year, and yet it did not reach the capacity of the Mint for coinage. The coinage required and executed in the following year, — 1848, — was but \$3,265,138.

In the year 1849, which has just expired, the gold from California was brought to the Mint in large quantity, and it was found to contain combined with it so much silver as to require the separation of the two metals. For this operation, upon so large a scale as was necessary, the refinery at the Mint was not prepared, and the process of parting could not keep pace with the deposits. It was necessary, therefore, that the refinery should be enlarged, and until this was done, the Mint, in one of its departments, was insufficient for the work. The difficulty, however, has at last been removed. It is estimated that two millions worth of gold can be parted in a month; from which it is evident that we are prepared for coinage all the bullion that is likely to be brought to the Mint.

Secondly. As to the expediency of a Branch Mint at New York.

If a Mint is to be established at New York, it should be at least upon as large a scale as that at New Orleans, and the appropriations made for the buildings, machinery, and fixtures of that Mint prior to its commencing operations, amounted to \$312,000. The building is of brick, without architectural pretensions and the lot on which it is built was presented for the purpose by the City. The average of the annual

at appropriations for that object, for ten years, and \$55,305.
with a lot to pay for, and with much greater courage to see-
enter, without at New York would no doubt require more than
that at New Orleans, both for its first cost, and its subsequent
repairs. I have indeed, ^{am} ^{convinced} that the annual charge for
such a mint would be quite equal to that of the mint here,
which is not from twenty to eighty thousand dollars a year.

Thirdly. As to the necessity for the proposed mint.

It being evident from the foregoing statements that the pro-
posed mint is not required from any want of capacity in the
existing mint, and that its establishment would prove a heavy
charge to the government, I shall now consider what are the
countervailing arguments, in which the advocates of the proposed
mint ^{rest} ^{their support}. The Memorial of the New York Chamber of Com-
merce presents certain statistics, showing that in the year 1847
a twenty one million ^{of} ^{the} ^{twenty four} millions of specie
imported into the United States was ^{imported} ^{into} the ports of
Boston & New York, ^{principally}, it is stated, for the account of the
Cotton & Sugar. ^{It also presents} ^{gross} ^{Estimates} ^{of} ^{the} ^{amount} ^{of} ^{bull}
coin received from companies and from California tending to
prove New York to be the great centre of specie imports. From
this the inference is drawn that the government should coin
in specie where it is received, and that it is unjust to sub-
ject its owners in that city to the "risk, expense and delay"
of sending it to a mint, "scarcely 100 miles off".

Upon that argument I would ^{that} ^{the} ^{year} ¹⁸⁴⁷ ^{which} ^{has} ^{been} ^{referred} ^{to}, was one in which the
influx of bullion to this country was extraordinary, and from
the experience of such no safe inference could be drawn.
In the fiscal year you refer to, June 30th 1848, ^{the} ^{total} ^{amount} ^{of} ^{specie} ^{imported} ^{into} ^{the} ^{country}
was but \$1,360,284, ^{while} ^{the} ^{export} ^{was} ^{\$15,841,616}, ^{and} ^{the} ^{balance} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{country}
^{was} ^{\$14,481,332} in our own coin. It
is quite improperly assumed, too, that the facility of a mint would
draw the coinage gold in even of a very large portion of such

bullion. The flow which fluctuates between different countries,
especially between Great Britain & the U.S., is mostly at a point for
the settlement of that portion of the commercial debts of each
which, from temporary circumstances cannot be paid by the trans-
fer of merchandise. It shows that business is kept so long as to
draw coin of a well established value ^{usually paid early} ^{in the} ^{month} ^{of} ^{January} ^{or} ^{February}.
It is not likely, ^{therefore}, that a Bank or a merchant would
want the pains to have ^{bullion} ^{sent} ^{any} ^{extensive} ^{amount} ^{into} ^{the} ^{country}
when in a few days or weeks ^{it} ^{may} ^{be} ^{needed}
for export to the very country from which ^{it} ^{was} ^{received}.

So far as it relates to the large mass of Californian gold
received at New York, it should be borne in mind that if
the plan of the present administration ^{intended} ^{for} ^{the} ^{establishment} ^{of} ^a ^{mint} ⁱⁿ ^{that} ^{region} ^{is} ^{correct} it is not improbable that
a large portion of the imports of specie destined for that shore will
be in our own coin fitted to pass at once into circulation.

It is quite evident, however, that New York receives at
present a far greater amount of bullion than Philadelphia. But the
argument that would infer from this fact ^{the} ^{necessity} ^{for} ^{the} ^{mint}
which overlooks one essential point for consideration, and that
is at what points would the specie, if received, be distribu-
ted? The national mint coin money without charge, not that
it may benefit private merchants or importers here and there,
but because a national coinage is a common benefit for the
people at large. The inquiry then follows, where does the coin
when it is made belong? where does it settle? where is the
centre of specie wealth? Is it at New York, or at San Francisco
Central location? If the inquiry be made, where may be
established a mint at New York, and yet the largest and best
the most of the most issues, that for all points that money
as they are now come, where to this inquiry may be found in
the report given above of the Board on the condition of the mint
presented to Congress in August 1846. From that report it
appears that about the beginning of the foregoing year the States
which are now united & connected with New York, a small share

New York, Albany, Mass., R. I. Census & N. Y. had \$12,854,063
of specie in bank vaults, while these were waiting to be deposited upon
an account in Philadelphia, say R. I. & Penn., etc., etc. New York,
Albany & Kentucky had \$19,465,807. Total cost of bank
notes of specie in circulation do not show the eventual distribu-
tion of that specie.

I shall now examine what is the real amount of ex-
pense, with and delay, to which New York is subjected from
the necessity of transferring bullion to Philadelphia for coinage,
and from the necessity of paying the interest on the public debt.
The ^{average} cost of transferring between the cities is, for gold,
2 1/2 cents per thousand dollars, and for silver \$11 per \$1000.
say in the amount of \$100,000, on private account I think
\$6,000,000 in gold and \$1,500,000 in silver, (quite an extravagant
estimate,) we shall find the entire cost explained if to
be but \$6,250, and this would be somewhat reduced by the
premium on the exchange of foreign coin over its market value.

The cost of transferred is shown by experience, to be quite
inappreciable. Of the amount coined in 1897, there was sent,
on Government account, under the act of Feb. 9, 1893, \$7,597,806
from New York, and \$1,551,033 from Boston. These funds were
carried by Adams & Co's express. The expense of transportation
there was paid in \$8,615,993, and also in \$4,485,812 of
that ^{money} ~~amount~~ which was returned. The whole amount transferred
there, was \$13,101,805, and the total cost was \$5,474,805. The
funds brought to the Mint from Boston, New York and Baltimore, and
returned, have for many years been almost exclusively entrusted to
the express line, and not a single instance of loss has occurred
to my knowledge.

The delay in making returns to depositors at the Mint is at
present quite considerable, but the reasons for this I think have been chiefly
explained, are of only a temporary ^{portion} character. We confidently expect to be
done, before a very long period, the prompt payments which formerly charac-
terized us, when the delay to the depositors never exceeded the time
necessary to ascertain, by assaying, the value deposited. This was generally
the case; but if the deposits were in kind of an ill-advised character.

paid

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
69 WALL STREET.

New York, February 8 1850

A. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U.S. Mint.
Philad^a.

Dear Sir,

We have just enclosed an invoice
of two boxes of Gold Dust forwarded from
here this by Adams's express as per
note hereunto. We will thank you to cause
each parcel as before to be separately assayed,
& will also be much obliged if you will send
us a certificate for each parcel.

Yr. H. Serv^t

G. S. Robbins & Son

We please to name about the time or may
at which we may expect the com^{ing}

Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the United
States Mint at Philadelphia by Adams & Co. express
February 8th 1850 - a/c G. S. Robbins & Co.

Box No	No	Name	Location	oz	wt	gr
1	1	J. P. Shaw	New Bedford	125		
"	2	J. Hutchinson	Woodstock	175		
"	3	J. Whitwell	Fair Haven			
"	4	"	"			
"	5	"	"			
"	7	H. A. Lightman		156	5	
"	8	"		156	5	
2	6	J. Whitwell	Fair H	346	9	
"	9	John Hopkins	New Bedford	125	12	3
"	10	Ashley & Co	"	176	1	13
"	11	do	"	176	1	13
"	12	Richard Thomas	"			
"	13	"	"	512	18	5
"	14	"	"	250		
				2469.12.10		

New York Feb 11/50.

G. S. Robbins & Co.

Shewen of Gold sent to the United States

ADAMS & CO'S SOUTHERN & WESTERN PACKAGE EXPRESS.



Received of *J. J. P. & Co* in apparent good order, to be transported in our Express Lines, the undersigned articles, marked as per margin, which we promise to deliver in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to

at *in* after this date, Sundays and unavoidable delays excepted. It is agreed, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of Railroad, Canal or River Navigation, leakage, fire, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; and that if the articles are delayed from any cause not above excepted, the usual wagon dockage is to be allowed for over-time.

Freight to

MARKS.

PACKAGES.

*Two Boxes each containing
Twenty five items and all others
for the W & S Express
For the Proprietors.
Theodore J. P. & Co*

G. F. Foster, Printer, 101 Wall and Water Sts.

1000.00 - 1000.00

ADAMS & CO., No. 18 Wall Street, New-York.

New York 9th Feb 1850

To the Superintendent of
the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

We enclose enclosed the receipt for
a small box just recd from San Francisco, marked
M & S & sealed as guaranteed portion of the orig^l
philosophical ring, and said to contain Two Hundred
five ounces Gold Dust. — The freight stipulated
with Adams Esq is 50¢.

We beg you to return in the next period
when convenient through Adams Esq and should be
much indebted if you would inform us when we
can expect to receive the same.

We remain

Respectfully
Yours
Moses H. Kelly

Recd. M. Kelly.

E. S.



ADAMS & CO'S

Boston, New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling
PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court Street Boston, 10 Wall-st. New-York,
 80 Chestnut-st. Philadelphia, 102 Baltimore-st. Balti-
 more, Penn. Av. Washington, — Water-st. Wheeling.

Packages will be received and forwarded to New London,
 Norwich, Worcester, New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Lowell,
 Salem, Portland, and all the principal Eastern cities and towns.

Custom House Business attended to with great promptness in
 Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

New-York, Feb 8 1850
 Received of *Moran & Selin*
One Box

Marked, *M & S #1*
of Moran & Selin
New York
for U. S. Mint
Phil

to be forwarded as addressed, (loss by fire, water, breakage,
 leakage and perils of the seas excepted.)

For Adams & Co.

Hervens

New-York, Stationer and Printer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jury Court) New-York, Feb 9 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co Express for coinage 283 g 19 dwts
California Golds. Please return receipt by letter
& forward assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

We also send you by same Express for coinage
169 g 15 dwts Gold. Please return receipt and
assay as above

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

Philadelphia February the 9th 1830

I the under signed do hereby certify
And believe that the bearer of this Mr Conrad Syple
Who has been living in a house of mine as tenant
of the same No 18 Pratt St. During five year time And
My self a Neighbour to him in the same Street at No 11
To be an honest industrious sober and civil Man And
A faithful workman at his trade And very prompt
in paying me my Rent and in the best Money and
Would have no objection to recommending him to
Any Person or Persons As A Suitable and good
Man for any Situation or Place he may apply
For Or that may be given to him and I would
Further state that Mr Conrad Syple is now my
tenant at this time and pays his Rent as prompt
now as before the unfortunate occurrence by which he
Lost his Arm which I believe if had not happened
He never would applied for any situation but would
have followed his trade as he did before it happened

Yours Respectfully

Henry R Norman No 24
Callowhill Street
Brooklyn

Pitts 9th February 1850

Dear Sir,

I have your remembrance of yesterday. You doubtless corresponded with the Lord in cancelling the certificates. But I think we are now in a fair way to find out the accomplices of Estlin, if you will aid us in the effort. I have written fully to Mr. Leavitt on the subject. We want you to give him the cancelled certificates. They will be used only as evidence, and returned afterwards to you. You can take the precaution to make them in such a manner as to prevent them from being put into circulation again. Do, by all means, give them to us. We shall be forever obliged to you if you do.

Very truly,

Wm. Howard

Edward P. Redden

UNION BANK OF MARYLAND,

Baltimore, July 9 1850

Dir A M Patterson
Dir Mint Phila }

Dear Sir

I send by Adams Express this evening
a package containing 117½ oz Gold directed to the
Mint. I beg the favour of you to send me a
Mint bill for the proceeds as early as convenient.

Yours Respy R M Nicholas
W H Snow

New York Feb 9. 50

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Adams & Co Express I send
you this day a Package of Gold sent to
your address containing Twenty Seven Ounces
~~of Gold~~ said to be very good quality
you will oblige me by having it coin'd as
early as possible and return the proceeds
by Adams & Co Express who are authorized
to receive the same for my account

P. S. John

Franklin Hotel Broadway
New York City 9. 1850

Ed. Sprague Esq.

Dear Sir,

If you have ascertained
the value of the Gold I left at the Mint on
the 6th inst. being sixty four $\frac{67}{100}$ ounces No 467
you will confer a great favor upon
me by forwarding the certificate of
the same to me at the Franklin Hotel
N. Y. as I reside in the extreme north
part of the State, about four hundred
miles from here and shall be obliged to
visit for it. I trust it will be con-
venient to enclose it to me by Monday
or Tuesday Mail. I do not send the
receipt you gave recd. as I suppose
you do not wish it. I will however
forward it if you desire.

Truly yours

A. W. Hudson

Baltimore 11 Feby. 1880

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

This will
be handed you by Mess Adams & Co Express
Agent together with 75 ounces Gold dust
You will have the goodness to send us
a certificate of Assay of same

and

oblig

Yours

Respectfully

Wm. A. Adams

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Dear Sir

I have known Corael Sible for upwards
of twenty years personally, he has always been
an industrious well deserving citizen, has supported
his family in a creditable manner by working
at his trade (shoe making), but which he is
now deprived of doing in consequence of having
lost one of his limbs.

He is anxious of
getting employment in the Mint of some kind
where if you can give him will render a
very great kindness indeed to truly unfor-
tunate man and his dependent family
He is truly sober industrious and very
obedient will make himself useful in
any capacity in which he can serve
Your most favourable consideration is most
respectfully and earnestly asked in his case

I am Very Respectfully
Yours O. L. L.
S. C. Thompson

Robert Peterson Esq
U. S. Mint

Printed Feb 11th 1850

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, July 11 1850

J. R. Snowden Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by leaving
Ten U.S. Exports for coinage into Half Dollars
& Quarters (equal amount to 1605 1/2 ounces Silver)
Please return weight by beam & inform when
it will be ready for us.

Respectfully

Wm. Kelley & Co.

By E. Stephens

House of Representatives
Washington July 11 1850

A. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours
with the statement touching the mint in Philadelphia.
I have not heard Mr Menard say anything
concerning the proposed Branch Mint in New York.
I will use the earliest occasion to see the Secretary &c
to him read your letter.

The annual report which you sent to Congress has not,
I imagine, been printed. I will send you a copy as soon
as I procure one, and also get bills for it at the
California Branch mint.

I have placed your name on my list for sending
documents - if they should be troublesome say so &
we will stop them. Still I think a good spread has
a better effect in good sized type and white paper
and a long measure extending across the page.

I am obliged to you for your friendship
in sending the statement. & am well just before truly yours
Jos R Chandler

Mr Conrad Siple the beaver, has
worked for us some Ten or Eleven years,
he is an industrious man. we
believe him to be strictly honest, and
think he will give entire satisfaction
in any business in which he may be
employed which he is capable of perform-
ing with one arm.
we should feel
no hesitancy in employing him our-
selves, if we had anything he could do.
Yula Feb 11th 1850 Huff & Trustad

Mechanics Bank

New York, July 11. 1850

My dear Sir,

I sent to you, last week, through
Adams Co of New York, three packages
of gold bullion, to be carried for my account.
Viz.

July 9. One package said to contain \$979.⁰⁰
for C.R. Sullivan

July 10. One package said to contain \$1465.⁰⁰
for C.L. Sullivan

July 12. One package said to contain two hundred ounces.
The first two namely two packages sent by Adams Co.
express for San Francisco, and the last namely I
sent to them to be forwarded to the mint, directed
to you.

This day forward to Messrs Adams
Co 7 packages more to be taken to the mint
by them to be carried for my account.

These packages are all directed as follows.

"Beet. N.M. Patterson, Director U.S. Mint, Phila. to be carried for
acct. of Mechanics Bank, must be signed Adams."

Adams Co for Merchants Bank

7 packages

Adams Co
for
mint

and the weight of each and the number is as follows,

#1. 11 pounds — #2. 6 pounds — #3. 21 pounds —

#4. 32 1/2 ounces — #5. 312 1/2 ounces — #6. Beans

#7. 7 1/2 ounces. all right

I have also forwarded to Messrs Adams & Co. an order to receive for my account another package now in New York, the weight of which is 125 ounces, which is also to be returned later to the mint for coinage for my account.

Should all the above described packages be received by you, I shall have eleven packages of which I am to receive receipts and certificates of assay as usual.

The only agency of Messrs Adams & Co. is to place the packages at the mint.

I have recommended the packages when sent to Col. W. Patterson, Director of the Mint, because I have been advised that such

is the proper course. Is this correct? I continue my correspondence with you, because I have supposed from your prompt and generally replies to my letters that I had obtained it with the proper passing.

With much Respect
J. H. Houghton
(as)

I see the receipts, (some of them at least) are in the name of J. H. Houghton.

He has no deposit with you.

They should all be in the name of J. H. Houghton Cash Merchant Bank.

All the drafts on you will be thus drawn. What is the state of the coinage for the month of Jan'y.

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Treasury Department
11 February 1881

Sir

The Department has decided to authorize the sub-treasury at New York to redeem outstanding United States certificates to the extent of ten millions of dollars with a view of relieving the community from the present inconvenience arising from the large amount of such certificates now outstanding.

The Department wishes to have a report from you on the most advisable mode of carrying this into effect. Whether the said certificates should be first surrendered to the Mint or whether if they are to be presented at New York any additional precaution will be necessary to guard against fraud and forgery is otherwise in the certificates. It is deemed should be more of the earliest outstanding if presented in numerical order kept the present at New York or left in the hands of the holders.

as to date, number, name & amount
should be prepared by you & forwarded
to the appropriate Receiver at that
place.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. D. Smith

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Wm. H. D. Smith

Receiver of the money

of the land office

I beg to say to Mr. H. D. Smith
that we always please send your
letters to the Chief of the Department.

New York Feb 11, 1850

Directors of
United States Mint

I this day forward
by Adams & Co's Express
the sum of Twenty one Hun-
dred and Thirty three penny
weights of ^{gold} Bullion for Coinage
When coined please deliver
to Adams & Co, and oblige

Very Respectfully
J. S. Bygones

Washington City
Feb. 11. 1850

Dear Sir

In accordance with your last letter, I shall again forward the package of Gold which ~~was~~ I once transmitted thro' Adams & Co for Coinage at the Mint - and which was returned to me.

I would request as in my first letter, that the receipt usually given, and a memo. of the proceeds as soon as known be sent me by mail; upon which I can get the money.

It would be desirable to know the proceeds respectively of each of the two separate parcels marked "A" + "B" but this is not insisted on if it be not practicable and convenient -

It may be proper that the receipt above spoken of, should be given to the party who delivers the Gold; if so - he can enclose it to my address.

Very Respy Yours
W C Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq. &
Director U.S. Mint

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, July 11 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Deas US Mint

also

Enclosed you have by
Livingston Ho's Express for coinage 315 oz Gold
California Gold. Please return receipt by
Deas & assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm L Kelley &
By E Stephen

Bridgeport Conn. Feby. 11. 1850.

To the Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith a bag of Californian gold dust. It belongs to my son, Henry Stuart Hewit, Assistant Surveyor U. S. A, on duty in California. In his letter, he does not state its weight: its value he supposed was \$830.00.

I am ignorant of the particular regulations of the Mint. Whether you purchase bullion, or coin it merely sending the proceeds in return, or not I am unprovided.

You will do me a particular favor by advising me of the safe receipt of the parcel, & what I am to receive in return & when I may send for the same.

Please direct to

Rev. Nathaniel Hewit S. S.

Bridgeport - Conn.

Very respectfully

Yours Ob. S.

N. Hewit

P. S. The bag has not been opened since it was this

at San Francisco

New York Feb 12th 1850

To the Treasurer of U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

will you have the goodness to forward
to me the Payers Certificate of a piece of Gold
Bullion weighing Fifty Three ounces and Fifty
Two Hundredths deposited at the Mint Jan 25th
1850 as I am about to sail from here in a few
days I wish to dispose of it to meet some
payments please direct to Capt
Edw C Waterman No 110 Broad way
New York

remaining Sir

Yours Obedt

Edw C Waterman
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25.5 591 25.5 591

Mr Jas R. Snowden

Sir please let me know if number
forty three is finished or when it
will be finished Direct your answer

John Stenger in care of Mr Sams
49 Avenue St. N.Y.

Private

New York Feb, 12th, 1850

Dear Sir

My object in writing is not to
importune you, but to know if it will be
necessary for me to make any change in
my business here in anticipation of any other
contingency. Our contract with the Landlord is
to make all arrangements for the ensuing year
on the 1st of Feb, - I have put mine off until
the 20th, thinking I might hear from you,
should circumstances require a change - it
would take me some little time to make
all of my arrangements ~~here~~, - under those
circumstances you will confer a favor on
me by that advice your position enables
you to give.

I have progressed with the
model slowly for the last three weeks,
being quite engaged in finishing orders
that were back in time.

Very Respectfully

Yours sincerely
J. C. F.

Sgt. R. H. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

W. C. Wright
& John Street

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
69 WALL STREET.

A. M. Patterson Esq.
U.S. Mint.
Dear Sir,

New York, February 12 1850

We hand you herewith Adams
express receipt for one package gold dust, for
which please send us certificate at your
earliest convenience,

Yours truly,

G. S. Robbins & Son

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Ed Sprague Esq
U.S. Mint Phila

New York July 12th 1850

Dear Sir

We received
your Certificate for Gold Bullion numbering
from 564 to 569 - upon examination we find
that 564. overruns in weight 6oz 9/100. whereas 565.
falls short about 6oz. 566. falls short about 4oz. - the
remaining Certificate do not vary much - as com-
pared in weight with the Bureau sent you - we wish
you would inform us by return of mail if some
mistake has not been made. - As this Gold belongs
partly to others and as the overrun and fall short
occurs mostly in other Assignments we feel
anxious to have it correct should any error
have been made by mixing the Bureau Gold
your attention to the above will oblige

Yours respectfully

James Johnson

Ans.

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WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, Feb 12 1850

L R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

Ad Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston
460 Exports for coinage 116 oz 1 1/2 dwt California Gold
Please return receipt by beaver & assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By E. Stephens

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Incom: Gold Dust sent by Adams & Co
to U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, February 15th
1850, for account of J. S. Robbins & Son New
York.

1 Pkg^s marked W. Schlegel - 31 - 5. ^{g dust}

J. S. Robbins & Son



ADAMS & CO'S

Boston, New-York, Phila., Baltimore, Washington and Wheeling
PACKAGE EXPRESS.

OFFICES, 9 Court st. Boston, 16 Wall st. New York,
80 Chestnut st. Philadelphia, 7 Light st. Baltimore,
Penn. Avenue, Washington, — Water st. Wheeling.

MARKS AND NUMBERS.

New York, Feb. 12 1857

Received of

J. J. Rottun, Dr.
All Silver Package Air
A Certain Gold Silver Five
Numbered and marked as in the margin, which we promise
to forward to H. J. Munroe and others
for carriage or Agents (less by
fire, water, breakage, leakage and perils of the seas excepted)

For Adams & Co.

Nesbitt, Printer and Stationer, cor. Wall and Water sts.

Boston July 13th 1850.

To the Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Dear Sir;

We are holders of Mint certificates No 2445. date Dec 27th 1849. for which we have been expecting the coin daily for the past fortnight - Messrs Adams & Co. Express. have it for collection -

Will you please to inform us when we may expect the payment of that deposit and in future what time the Mint will probably require on deposits of Gold bullion before paying.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servants.

Reed & Co

Paid on the 13th to A. S. Co.

(Private & Confidential.)

Writ of the United States,
Philadelphia, Oct. 13, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday, and I
am not able to give a conclusive answer to it. I have
reason to believe that the Mr. Lyman has sent in his resignation,
and I presume that an appointment will be made by the
President without much delay. I hope that you will not
enter upon any arrangements that would put it out of your power
to fill the office, without any considerable delay, if you should
receive the appointment.

Yours very truly,

R. M. P.

C. P. Wright, Esq.
80 Nassau St.
New York.

Wm 13 Feb. 1850.

To the Treasurer of the
City of New York
Sir

I have in receipt, No 537, dated 5th
Feb. 1850 of Gold Dust & Bullion, de-
posited for Coinage by Messrs Livingston, & Co
of New York. In my account.

The Gold Dust
was in two packages in different
accounts and for which I wish separate
statements. One was Gold Dust and the
other Bullion. The last package was
sent in two but can be coined except
a small bar enveloped & enclosed
and directed (either inside or outside)
which was intended for a present to a
person here, and which I desire much
to be sent to me if possible.

6256 Grs
13 1/2 lb
18 21 1/2 lb

J. C. C.

L. Stanwood

Wm. of U. S.

Philad. Feb. 13, 1850.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 5th inst. is rec^d.

It appears that the parties named in your letter, after
receiving their Merit certifs & receipts, sold them to Messrs.
Ludlow, Mebert & Co., brokers of this city, who are extensively
engaged in Pullin transactions, and a house of the
highest respectability. Their certifs. properly endorsed
by the parties were presented by them at the common price
of the 8th of this month. They were paid in the morning of
that day: in the afternoon I rec^d a telegraphic despatch
from your stepson, E. M. Bredin Esq. to which I replied
the same day stating the fact that payment had
been made. If your letter or the despatch had
been rec^d before the payment, it would have made
no difference, inasmuch as the certifs. were endorsed
by the parties and held by innocent purchasers for
a valuable consideration.

In my letter of 23rd Jan. to Mr. C. O. K.
Bredin, I gave a statement of the value of the
certifs. &c. If any further information would
be useful in order that justice may be done in
relation to the parties, I will with great cheerfulness
communicate what may be deemed necessary.

With the highest respect,

I am very truly
your friend,

Wm. Bredin

Pres. Judge 17th 2nd Dist.
of Penn & Del.

(signed)

J. O. P. Near.

Providence R.I. February 13, 1850.

Sir, I sent to the office of Standen & Co in Providence Jan^y 23rd 50, a package containing sixty one ounces of Gold Ore, to be by them forwarded to the Mint in Phil^a, for coinage, on my acct.

I have requested them to hand me the receipt taken for the same on delivery at the Mint, and as yet, have not been able to get it.

Will you please write me, if you have received any gold debt on my acct^y, if so, how much, and when you will be ready to pay the same?

To the Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant
Nick. A. Spink

Sept^r 25th 1850

Miss W. L.

Phil. Feb. 13, 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor of sending herewith the Book of the
Gen. F. Dunning, and his duties, on his appointment as a Clerk for
the Treasury of the United States. Mr. Robert D. Dunning is known
to you; and ^{it is understood that} Mr. William Craighead is a man of wealth and high
standing. The sum of five thousand dollars is the same amount placed
in the hands of the other Clerks in the Mint. I hope that,
as required by law, the Mint will be to your satisfaction.

R.M.P.

Miss

From Wm. M. Meredith,
Secy of Treasury.

Ministry Department
February 19. 1850.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th instant communicating the result of the assays by the Commissioners of the Gold and Silver Coins of the U.S. made at the Mint on the 11th instant has been received.

By the 2^d Sect. of the Act of the 25th June 1834 and the 3^d Sect. of the Act of March 3. 1843 it is made the duty of this Department to cause assays of the silver and Gold coins made current by said Acts to be had at the Mint of the U.S. at least once in every year and to make report of the result to Congress.

If under the instructions of my predecessor, any such assays have been made in the last year, I will thank you to make report thereof. If, as is apprehended, the requirements of the Acts referred to have been overlooked, it will be proper that the subject should receive your immediate attention, and that the results of any trials you may make, shall be transmitted to the Department in time to be laid before Congress before the adjournment of the present Session.

Yrs

The Department will, probably, find it necessary towards the close of the present month, or early in the succeeding one, to transfer from Philadelphia to this City one or two hundred thousand dollars - and it is desired by the Treasurer of the United States that a large portion of it may be supplied in half Eagles, which could not be furnished to any considerable amount when the last transfer was made.

The Treasurer has been requested to issue a transferring favor of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York payable in foreign gold coins for \$70,000. and it is hoped that, if half Eagles cannot be otherwise supplied the As. Treasurer may have a portion of this amount coined into half Eagles in time to meet the wants of the Treasurer here.

I am respectfully

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

L. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.?

My dear Sir

One of our Clerks left with Mr Sprague
a package of Gold for coinage, but omitted to
bring a receipt for it. I will be obliged by your
sending a memorandum of your having received
it by the bearer.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Bank of North America

February 13th 1830

Min^{tr} of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14, 1852.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday.

With regard to the assays of silver and gold coins struck since the act of 25th June 1834, and the Act of 1843, I have to state that this duty had not been forgotten, the cost has since been repaid to the mint, and is now in the hands of the assayers, ~~they are all paid~~ ^{it is many} and ~~the mint is now~~ finished.

(With regard to the desire of the Treasury of the United States, for a large portion of half-eagles ^{refused} in draft which upon the last Treasury day, which will probably be drawn about the close of the present month, I have to ~~say~~ ^{state} that a delivery was made, this morning, ^{by} the Chief Coiner, of \$50,000 half-eagles, which have been transferred to the Sub Treasury; and that measures are taken for striking an additional number of these coins.

R. M. P.

Secy

(Sd)

Wm. A. Woodruff }
Secy of the Treasury.

To the Treasurer of the Mint, and others interested,
The Director of the Mint, in compliance with the law, prescribes
the following duties for the Clerks in the Mint.

There are ^{four} three Clerks of the Mint: Three for the Treasurer
and one for the Director, as follows:

Treasurer's First Office Clerk, — Geo. W. Edelman

Treasurer's Second Office Clerk, — Geo. F. Dunning

Treasurer's Clerk of the Receipt Room, — Edward Sprague

Director's Clerk, — Robert Patterson

The First Office Clerk

Shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, keep the book accounts of all
the transactions of the Mint, in bullion & coined, ^{quantity of bullion & coined} with the Office of the Chief
the Depositors, and prepare the ^{quantity of bullion & coined} ~~abstract of the Mint~~ to be forwarded quarterly to the Treasury Dept
and to keep and ~~the accounts~~ ^{with the receipt of the abstract of bullion & coined} ~~the accounts~~ ^{from the report of the assayer estimated from}
prepared by the 2^d Office Clerk. ~~He shall also calculate the amount of the deposits~~
~~the report of the assayer and the amount of the deposits~~ ^{and shall prepare}
~~the amount of the deposits~~ ^{the value of each deposit and}
the amount of deductions, if any, and prepare the detailed memos for the
deposits as required by § 17 of the Act. He shall also ~~calculate the amount~~
~~of the deposits~~ ^{the receipt of deposits} preparing to their payment.

The Second Office Clerk

shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, prepare and hand to the Assayer the gross
weight of deposits in the actual Clerk form. He shall keep the Register of
deposits, ^{quantity} and shall also prepare the ^{quantity} ~~abstract of gold and silver bullion &~~
~~the amount of the deposits~~ ^{the receipt of deposits} ~~the amount of the deposits~~ ^{the receipt of deposits} He shall also
keep the accounts of the Treasurer incident to the purchase, carriage and distribution of paper.

and and prepare the quarterly statements of the same for transmission to the
Said Standing Department

The Clerk of the High Court
(quote from original instructions)

The Secretary Clerk

He is to give his attention to the official correspondence of the Director & to the management
of the Secretariat as hereinafter

It shall be his duty to prepare all the Director's warrants and to certify that they are
properly signed, and to take from the Director's Office Clerk the necessary data for the
warrants, and from the Clerk of the High Court the necessary passing between the Office
of the Director & the Clerk of the High Court. He shall himself examine into the necessity of bills which from the Director for
warrants, and of the amounts of value made by the first office clerk as the basis of the war-
rants for the payment of the same. He shall attend to the execution of warrants upon Ordinary warrants
and warrants which have been given by the Office of the Director. He shall keep the account of the Ordinary Re-
ceipts & Expenditure of the Office & prepare the quarterly statement of the same for transmission to the
Standing Department. He shall also keep the Register of all the Matters & Referrals of the
Director & Secretary of the Office.

Success of the measure of a national union is a matter of great importance, and it is
the duty of the Secretary to attend to it with the most careful attention.

The Director relies upon the courtesy of the Clerks in attending to

^{the country may be}

He also requests that the Director of the Office of the Director may be
induced to attend to the business of the Office of the Director at the time
he is attending to the business of the Office of the Director.

The office hours

11.15.18

Hon D. S. Dickinson Boston Feb^y 10th 1850

Sir,

By the Newspapers I learn that you are endeavoring by a movement in the Senate, to obtain a discontinuance of the circulation of the Copper Coin of our Country, this is an excellent move, and I hope and trust, and that for many reasons, that you may be completely successful in the accomplishment of the object. I enclose herewith a sample of the Currency received in change this very day, they came to beaver from a Geller of Fish in the market, but taken altogether, the Copper coin is from its nature totally unfit for a currency & some substitute, I am persuaded, is desired by the Public at large; Another thing in relation to the currency is also equally desirable, if to be accomplished, and that is the discontinuance of the circulation of the Spanish coin, a greater proportion of which is not only light, but so much worn and defaced, as to be the cause of disputes and altercation in the small way, continually; why would it not do for the Government to receive it for all dues to them, and send it to the Mint, any loss thereon, would be borne pro. rata, by the whole nation

Our circulating medium (particularly the minor
parts of it) by this time, should be national,
I would readily affix my signature to this com-
-munication, but being altogether unknown where
it will be received, I have only to add, that these
views are the result of an experience of more than
forty years in business —

Respectfully,

Public Good

Please excuse the trouble }
occasioned hereby — }

Baltimore 15th Feby, 1850

Edward Sprague Esq.
Philadelphia U.S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I have received your
certificate for $71\frac{18}{100}$ ounces of California Gold sent
you by Adams Express. I am desirous of obtaining
the value of this Gold as soon as possible, as all
over the ounces & 13 cents, is to be paid over to two
young men in Virginia, who are preparing to
leave for California. Your kind & early attention
to this request would enable me to relieve the situa-
-tion of these young men, & greatly oblige

Your Very Humble Servant,
J. Eastman

948.

13. Feby 14.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 63 \\ \hline 72 \end{array}$$

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[Signature]

Charleston Feby 18th 1850.

Sir
On the 12th day of Dec. last I forwarded to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, by Mr. N.G. Howard, a package of California gold to be coined. You will confer a favour on me by informing me by return of mail, the weight of said package when received at the mint, and also, the value it produced -

Very Respectfully Yours,
Daniel Caldwell

P.S. It was received the mint on the 14th of Dec.

D.C.

Paid Feb. 7. 1850. to N.G. Howard $\frac{821}{100}$ 24 99 Value \$445.77

Charlestown July 16. 1850

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind as to
inform me by Mail whether the gold
has been coined that was deposited by Adams
Esq. for S. Lindsey of Charlestown Mass. as per
receipt signed by you for the Treasurer of the Mint
dated at Philadelphia the 24th day of July. 1850. when
paid 388, and if not coined how soon it may
be expected, and you will much oblige

yours
S. Lindsey

\$2312.72

61.7
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Aug 3 weeks

Baltimore February 16th 1800

To the Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

You will much oblige me by
sending the assay of seven hundred & thirty seven
ounces gold just deposited by Joseph Myrick
on the 10th Ult^o by Mint receipt of which I hold
No. 170 - to the Care of Messrs Clark & Kelley, Bkrs.,
Also please oblige me by saying when the above will
be ready for payment

Your early attention will much

Oblige Your Obedt Servt

Joseph Myrick

We require \$450.000 to reach No. 170

Washington D. C. Feb. 17/50

Sir

I wish you would send
me the receipt for that Gold Dust
I left at the Mint yesterday to Wilming-
ton North Carolina as I may have
to use it

and oblige

Yours

John W. Dall

Baltimore 12 February 1850

To the
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you to
inquire when returns may be expected from the Gold dust
received of Crescent City and forwarded to the mint early
in December; and from which no information has yet
been received.

Excuse the trouble I am giving you.

I believe me very respectfully

Yours very truly

(Box # 142 Salt & Office)

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Salem, Mass. / Feb. 18. 1850
 Patterson Esq.

Sir, I enclose you will
 observe a copy of receipt given for Gold
 dust deposited in U.S. Mint to my
 credit. Will you be pleased at your
 earliest convenience, to forward me by mail
 an assay of the same. . .

With respect Yrs. &c.

Rich^d. Rogers

Gold Bullion (Copy)
 N^o. 771.

Mint of the United States
 Philad. - Feb. 15. 1850

Received from Rich^d S. Rogers a deposit, for
 coinage of Gold Bullion, weighing Nineteen
 hundred & thirty six $\frac{20}{100}$ Ounces - the net
 value thereof to be ascertained, and paid
 to said Depositor, or order in Gold Coins
 of the United States, agreeably to Law

Agos. 1936 $\frac{20}{100}$

(Signed) Ed. Sprague
 for the Treasurer.

Boston 19 July 1850
Directors of the Mint
of the U.S. Philadelphia
Gentlemen

We send you by Adams
Geo. Express. a package old silver worth 12 bars.
4 plates and 20 pieces, one Bar contains some gold
and is marked 34 - the lot weighing about 870 ozs.
it consist principally of melted plate.

Please give Adams a receipt and the equivalent
value as soon as convenient and

Truly oblige
Yours Obedt
Thompson & Davidson

H. M. Patterson Esq

New York May 29th

You will please forward me
the amount of \$1000 due to me
by the Cash of the W. H. & W. H. & W. H.

Yours Respectfully

John L. Day

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

BETWEEN

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Office in BALTIMORE.....No. 2 Merchants' Exchange, South Gay-st.
" WASHINGTON.....Cor. of Louisiana Avenue and Sixth-st.
" PHILADELPHIA.....Quincy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-st.
" NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover-street, cor. of Beaver-st.

By Telegraph, dated New York 1850.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, Feb 20 1850. ¹² o'clock, ^{min.} ^{sec.}

To President of the Mint

Please inform
me how much gold was
deposited there on 12 or
13 Feb by C. Bloodgood
or if a man Gregory de-
posited some in his name
of A. B. my property. Whether
it was 252 oz. Please inform
an injured partner

T. Wiley & Bloodgood

never paid

23/21

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. July 20, 1850.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 11. th inst. The several packages referred to therein, have been received except the one from New York stated to be 125, lbs.

Our practice, which is a common one for all parties, is to give the receipts to the Express Agents who deliver the gold or silver Bullion to the Mint; and we are accustomed also to give them the statement of the value as determined by the result of the assay. Unless you greatly prefer the securing them direct from us, we will take that course hereafter. I enclose herewith the statement of the value of your deposits made on the 12. th inst.

You state that some of the receipts are in the name of James B. Congdon. The entries made in our books are J. B. Congdon. The same will produce no difficulty;

You are correct in addressing me on the subject as I am the Receiver and Keeper of the Bullion and the financial officer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Yours M^t serv^t.

J. B. Congdon Esq,
Care, &c.

James B. Congdon, Esq.

Richville, 12th

July 20th 1850.

Sir,

I deposited at the Mint on the 9th of July
some Gold Bullion for coinage, and I am under the
impression that you told me at that time that it
would be coined in about a month. May I ask the
favor of you to inform me if it has been coined, if not,
at what time I may expect it will be ready for me.

Very Respectfully &c.

A. Holland

E. J. H. Esq.

No 97

San. Francisco Feb. 7. 20th 1850

To the presiding officer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir I have this day shipped by the Steamer
of March 1st three hundred two box and a half ounces of Gold Dust
(312 1/2 ozs) valued at five thousand dollars, to your care for coining.
The proceeds to be held subject to the order of Willard D Phillips Esq
of Salem Mass. I have advised Mr Phillips of this remittance and
enclosed to him a bill of Lading from Macdonald & Co. for the Dust. They
insuring it to your Mint, I hope it will come safely to your hands.

Respectfully Yours

John Batchelder

for Owners of Ship Elizabeth
of Salem Mass.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Esq

Will you permit me to make you acquainted
Miss. Plaine & Remond of New York - with Mr. Thorne. My Remond
and my daughter - they have been spending a few days in Wash.
after ^{the} and are desirous to visit the met^l in Phil^a... if you will
afford the facilities for doing so. I shall feel myself under much obliged
to you

Respectfully Yours

Phillip Thorne

No. of 184. at 21/50.

Mrs. Penwick

son & wife

Daughter

Baltimore February 21. 1858

Scott Edden Esq
United States Mint
Phila

Sir,

We handed to a friend a few days since your receipt for 785.15 per doll, gold dust dated some 5 weeks ago. (we have no memo of the sale) We were under the impression it would have been paid before this but he informs us it will not be paid before last of March.

Be pleased to inform us when it will be paid & what your rule is in the payment of your certificates: whether at any particular time after the date or otherwise.

Respectfully

Thos B. M.

\$ 622,000 to account 11-3-59

R. W. Patterson Esq.

New York 22 February 1859

Dear Sir

Si

Permit me to request of you to favor me
with a statement of the assay & a weight receipt for
the gold dust (1854) transmitted to the mint for assay
on 9th inst. as per receipt of \$5.00 now in my
possession

I am very respectfully
Yrs. &c. &c. &c.

Robert Hogan

New York Feb 23^d 1858

Dear Sir

I have rec^d Ed Sprague for the
 Treasurer of the Mint certificate N^o 768 Feb 15th
 1858 for 79 24 ounces Gold Bullion, in my name,
 and I will thank you to include me the certifi-
 -cate of the assay - and inform me where you
 think the coin will be in readiness for
 me and oblige your obt^l serv^t

J D Peers

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39,778.669

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55,707.776

49,300.55

11,932.8

3,207.37

64,823.92

Baltimore Feb. 23. 1850

Dear Sir

I have been awaiting very patiently to hear from you concerning the Gold Bullion that I deposited with you. Since leaving it at the mint on the 8th inst. I have once been at the expense of coming to your City to try to have it attended to, and was promised by the gentleman that was apparently in command at the mint that it would be assayed and a Certificate of its value sent me sometime during the past week, which I have not as yet received. As I have to return to California in a few weeks and having considerable business to attend to which I cannot do until I can get a return of what I have with you I will be much obliged if you will have it attended to as soon as it is convenient.

Very Respectfully John Maudslayi
No 6 Fayette St
Balt.

There was no deposit of this name on the date mentioned. If he will state the number of the receipt he may be provided.

Norwich Conn Feb 28 1850

Dear Sir I Sent a package
of Californian gold Dust to
the mint through Beebe
Ludlow & Co Very well with
paper & rags they give me a
receipt for 212 Dimes & you
for only 203, 25 Dec I wish
to know where the Deficiency
occured or whether you have
took the paper & rags out before
weighing or not any information
will be thankfully Received

Yrs, Eliza Standish
Norwich Ct

16 the number of the package
193 received the 16 Day of Jan
if you have Sent this Coin to Beebe
Ludlow & Co I wish you to let me know

Peterman N. J. Feb 25th 1852

Treasurer United States Mint

Philad^a

Dear Sir

I duly rec^d through Adams & Co. Ex. Imp. your note of the 8th Inst for 40 $\frac{2}{100}$ oz. Gold Bullion for coinage signed by Ed. Sprague. Will you have the goodness to inform me if its value is ascertained, & if so, what is the amt. and

what course is proper for me to take whether to draw for it or authorize some person in Philad^a to receive it.

Very Resp^{tly} y^r ans

Robert Morehead

Ex. No 569 - Ed. Sprague

Min. U. S.

Feb. 27, 1850.

Sir,

A memorandum showing the fineness and value of your deposits of the 8th inst. has been delivered to Adams & Co. Its net value was \$719.50, and this amount will be payable, in its turn, on presentation of the receipt endorsed by Adams & Co. ~~Such is the~~

Owing to the great amount of the deposits of California gold, we cannot, with safety promise that yours can be paid in less than ~~two months from the date of your receipt~~ six weeks from this time. ~~Perhaps you had better let Adams~~

J. R. Snowden Jr.
by G. H. Drury

R. Mowbray by
Patterson, A. J.

New York Feb 25. 1850

Sir Being in such haste when
I deposited my gold dust
with you I forgot to give you
directions where to send me
the certificate for the amount
of dust when assayed

Please send directed to me
152 Thompsonst New York
you will greatly oblige
me by sending as soon as
possible as I soon leave
again for California
the amount on the
Receipt I had from you is
41 and 43/100

Respectfully
Jno B Legay

Treasury Department
February 25. 1850.

Sir

Your communication dated
the 22nd instant, recommending certain alterations in the
established charges at the Mint for separating the gold-silver
was duly received. The changes proposed by you is
approved, as is, also, your suggestion that it go into effect
on the 1st of March next.

I am very Respy.

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

J. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Phila^a

Hartford Connecticut Feb. 26, 1807

Hon. D. D. Dickinson
United States Senate

Sir:

The letter which I addressed to you, a few days since, I took the liberty of publishing in the "Hartford Times," - one of the leading Democratic papers of this State - as an anonymous communication. As I intended should be the case, this drew out remarks from others, agreeing with me in some respects, but not in all. One writer objects to a coin with a hole in it - claiming that it can be stamped with some bold figure, making it sufficiently distinguishable from other coins, and more pleasing to the eye. Perhaps in this he may be right. Yet I can readily see how a coin with a hole through the center of it, and a neat border both on the inner and outer edge, can be made as beautiful as any other; and certain I am that nothing can be more simple, or more readily distinguished from other coins. The same writer seems, also, to favor the adoption of Quarter dimes for the new coin; but from this I dissent, most decidedly; as it will re-establish the half cent, which all are anxious to get rid of. The writer above alluded to maintains that the uniform rate of postage throughout the United States, will be fixed at two and a half cents - and hence his wish for a coin of that value. I believe that three cents will be found to be as low a rate of postage as the situation of our country

will warrant for many years to come; certainly as low
as any reasonable person ought to ask for. In any event,
I hope the new coin will be either a two or a three cent
piece, and that the rate of postage may be regulated
accordingly. If a three cent piece should be adopted, or
I hope it will be, and it should be thought advisable to
make it solid, the more simple the device best upon it,
the better. I would propose a large, bold figure 3 upon
one side, and the date upon the other side, and but very
little else.

I hope, sir, that I am not intruding too much
upon your time and patience; if so pardon me.

Progress and improvement seem to be the order
of the age, and should be applied wherever they are
needed.

Yours, with due respect,

Henry D. Smith,
Treasurer of Coinage,

Recd. Febua 26 4850

Dear Sir,

We have a certificate of the Mint,
dated Feb 13, in favor of J. Maudslayi for \$8988.30 and
process, ~~whereof~~ If in your power please inform us, when
the same will be paid.

Very Respectfully

Wm. C. C. C. C.

No. 794.

\$2000.000.

Albany Feb 26th 1850

Sir

We find ourselves under the necessity of addressing you again in relation to our deposit of Gold Bullion at the mint at the end of Dec 18th 49

Your letter of 25th of Jan^y stated that we could probably get our money in one week from that date we accordingly gave our rec^d to the Express (Wells & Co) in time to be there about that time, since which we have heard nothing of it and can learn nothing of it from the agent - you will please inform us in relation to its having been paid, if at all, when, and to whom, and much oblige

Yours Respectfully

To R M Patterson Esq
Director of U S Mint
Philadelphia

D & R L Howe

MECHANICS' BANK OF BALTIMORE,

July 2 1850

R. W. Patterson Esq. Cashier,
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir,

Your favor of —
On the 21st Ultimo we forwarded to the
Girard Bank for our credit a Bag of
Gold Bullion weighing 6.468 Quarts which
no doubt they deposited with you on the
following day — If practicable we will
esteem it as a particular favor if you
will pay the said deposit on the receipt of
this as we are very desirous of closing the
operation.

No. 360

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.

James M. Shields
Cash.

Dr. Dr. Patterson Director of the U. S. Mint

We, the undersigned, citizens of Philadelphia recommend to your favourable consideration Mr. P. M. Gonigle as a suitable person for a situation in the U. S. Mint. he is a man of family and has resided in the City for about 19 years. he is sober industrious and trustworthy. his appointment to a place would be satisfactory to yourself and the public.

Jacob Jones

Francis Wharton

Wm D. Kelley

Chas. A. Replier

The undersigned has not a personal acquaintance
with Mr P. M. Gougeon, but from the testimony of
the Rev. Mr. Loring in his behalf and that of other
gentlemen, in whom he has confidence connects with
pleasure in recommending him for a situation
in the U. S. Mint.

W. E. Horner M.D.
Phil. Feb. 2). 1850

Boston Feb'y 27. 1850

Sir

I have received through Adams of
your receipts for 205 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ ounces, Gold Bullion in
deposits for coinage, dated Dec 20th. Will
you be so good as to inform me when I
may expect your certificate of its value.

To the Treasurer of
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully,
Charles Loring
by Atty J. Hinkley

913 5 1037

Philadelphia February 27th 1850

To the Honorable Mrs Patterson
President of the Mint

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing these few lines to you, the anxiety I feel about my family since my Husband lost his arm seeing we have nothing to depend ^{upon} ~~that~~ my Daughter and my self makes at the needle which is verry triffling, and the little he gets at the Museum for his services which is of no amount my Husband is verry unhappy seeing his situation he was always able to provide for his family before the accident happen he has been always used to work and he is verry much cast down at his situation if your Honor would be kind enough to give him some employment about the Mint such as Watchman or any thing that your Honor thinks him capably of doing. you would confer an act of Charity on an unfortunate family and may the blessings of Heaven attend you and yours

Mary Siple

Messrs Livingston & Fargo

I wish the package
of gold dust deposited this day at exp office
Niles & represented to contain 54 or 18 and 12 gr
including bag to be conveyed to the United States
Mint at Phil to be coined. I wish to receive
from Treasurer of the Mint two receipts or
certificate of equal value which together
will amount to the value of the gold sent,
and the receipts returned to me by express
as soon as possible

Aaron P Hammond

Niles Feb 27th 1850

Address Aaron P Hammond

Niles

Mich

Take receipt sent in name
Aaron P Hammond -
+ return to Wells & Co
N.Y

Phil. U.S., Phil. Feb. 28/50.

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of the 26th, I have
to state that the proceeds of your deposit, No. 2357,
amounting to \$2654.98, was paid, to your order, on the 7th
inst., to Robert F. Weaver, Messenger of Standen & Co's
Express. This house informs us that they sent the
money, on the same day, to Wells & Co, at New York, & when
they will arrive without delay.

R.M.P.

D.

Messrs O. & P. L. Howe.
Albany, N.Y.

Oak Forest Wayne co Ky July 28th 1850

Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of enclosing to you some metal and also a specimen of the Ore out of which the metal was smelted. The metal was smelted by putting the Ore in to a Blacksmith's ~~shop~~^{fire}. My object is to get you if you please to tell me what the metal is as we have no person who is capable of testing it. There is a great plenty of it in this Country. My own opinion is that it is at least part Silver but what proportion I cannot tell. Nor if it is an amalgamation of metals I cannot tell what kinds compose the mixture.

I also send some of the dross in which you will find some particles of metal. I do this because that which is in the dross may be different to the salable piece.

I hope you will attend to this although a stranger to you. I have no doubt you have public spirit enough to wish the development of the resources of the country. Should the metal be Silver from the examination already made there is no doubt but the Hills in this country abound in the metal. There has been three or four mines opened but we do not know any thing about the prospects of smelting or assaying. If it would ^{not} be asking too much I would thank you kindly for information on the subject, or where I could get a Book that would give the necessary instructions.

I would further remark that the mines which has been opened get richer the deeper they are opened. I wish a line from you as soon as you can.

with convenience give the information so that I may
know whether to proceed any further in the research
If you desire it as soon as I can I will give you
the result of the further development of the matter

Please excuse the liberty I have taken

as it is the best chance I know
of for information

— very respectfully yours
D. Scott

Albany, N.Y. Feb. 22 March 1855.

In a letter of the 25th of Dec. last I ^{kindly} ~~kindly~~ ^{expressed} my views
on the cause of delay in the preparation of the dies for the new coins ordered by Congress
~~relative to the dies, and the necessity of a change in the~~
~~method of the dies necessary for the preparation of the dies, and for the general~~
~~improvement of the dies of our coins.~~ ^{Subsequently,} ~~and,~~ at the suggestion
of the department, ^{in view of distinguished skill} ~~recommended~~ ^{an individual of great merit as compe-}
~~tent to fill the place of Engraver of the Mint.~~

Since that correspondence, a further reflection on the sub-
ject ^{induced me to the conclusion} ~~has convinced me~~ ^{that the best interests of the country}
~~will~~ ^{will} be more perfectly, and more economically secured
by the ^{and} ~~abolishment~~ of the office of Engraver of the Mint alto-
gether. The grounds for that opinion I have now the honor to lay
before you.

^{From} ~~He has~~ ^{the} ~~present~~ ^{the} ~~statement~~ ^{statement} of the Mint until the
year 1855, the die-sinker, or as he was, so frequently termed, the
Engraver, of the Mint, prepared the dies by such processes as
were known to ^{him} ~~the engraver~~ for the time being; and not
giving separate punches for the head on the obverse, the eagle,

The following is a copy of the original manuscript of the letter from Mr. [Name] to Mr. [Name], dated [Date]. The letter is written in cursive and contains several corrections and additions.

In the manufacture of dies there are two distinct cases which
may arise. The first is when ^{a present} ^{new} ^{unbalance of the die,}
an change is required ^{of the one} or a new device for the coin has become

summary. The second, is that ~~it is required to reproduce~~ ^{the} ~~small number~~ ^{of} ~~does~~ ^{the} does from in-
stitution of this already in adopted case. This last case is by
far the most common, ^{and being necessary wherever it is necessary to} ~~and being necessary wherever it is necessary to~~ ^{reproduce} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~does~~ ^{does}
which may be destroyed in the process of carrying, or ^{which} may become out of
date. The construction of dies with some devices is in the nature

Supposing for the reproduction of die already constructed the
first process necessary is to procure a copy of the same in relief. The die
strip being sunk depressed, or sunk below the surface. To procure this ^{copy} ^{impression}
we place it in a cylindrical block of soft steel & on the die and strike
it with a hammer till the impression is produced. This copy (called a half) is then hardened, and in its
turn is used for striking all other dies required may be procured, by

Such is the process required ^{in copying} ~~and~~ a die is already in construction.

In the rare case of the manufacture of an entirely new class, ~~the~~
~~arising from~~ ~~some changes~~ the introduction of a new coin or a change in the de-
 signs of the old one, the assistance of the highest style of art is required
 but it is not entirely, or principally, that of the die cutter. This
 will be apparent from the following explanation.

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A satisfactory ^{design} ~~design~~ for the coin (or medal) having been
agreed upon, the first step is to make a ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{die} ~~die~~ of the same in
relief, and of large size. On this model and the design for
it, all the skill of the artist is exhausted. When this is completed, a
^{plaster} ~~plaster~~ ^{model} ~~model~~ is made, ^{first} in plaster, and subsequently in metal. This metal
mould is then placed in a machine which, by the aid of steam,
and with scarcely any supervision, produces a die which is the
absolute fac-simile of the mould. A far looker for the
details of the work, and for this purpose a skilful artist is
required. From the die so prepared, technically termed matrices, con-
pairs of working dies are produced in the manner before explained.

From the foregoing explanation it appears that in the reproduction of
dies an Engineer of the Mint is not ^{necessary} ~~required~~, and that the consti-
tution of original dies is of very rare occurrence ^{and requires the talents} ~~where the occasion for the~~
^{both of the modeller} ~~maker & the die sinker~~. ^{is needed.} ~~He or permanent~~ ^{permanent} ~~officer~~ ^{officer} ~~required to~~
^{meet an emergency} ~~meet an emergency~~? Or ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~best to~~ ^{best to} ~~engage~~ ^{engage} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~temporary~~ ^{temporary} ~~services~~ ^{services}
of such artists as may be best fitted to accomplish the work. I ~~confess~~ ^{confess} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{it}
~~appears to me the more advisable.~~ ^{It} ~~It~~ ^{appears to me} ~~that the con-~~
~~stitution of artists~~ ^{is required to secure the highest talent} ~~is required to secure the highest talent~~ ^{greater} ~~greater~~
^{to secure} ~~to secure~~ ^{the services of our} ~~the services of our ^{we should} ~~we should ^{admit of} ~~admit of ^{certain} ~~certain
ded competition among our artists, at least in the presentation of
medallions, and that the temporary services of the most distinguished
die sinker should be engaged in the execution of the matrices. I
do not at present, however, propose any ^{permanent} ~~permanent~~ ^{arrangement} ~~arrangement~~
based upon this view but now simply renew the recommendation before
made, that if a vacancy is proposed in the Off. of Eng. of the Mint it
be left unfilled. [I can see no inconvenience which would result from~~~~~~~~

Petersen March 1st 1850

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a half dime which there is some litigation about your opinion is asked in reference to the genuineness of the coin whether the enclosed coin is genuine or not your earliest answer will oblige

Yours Respectfully
Joshua T. Smith

P.S. the question rests here has the United States Mint ever issued any dimes or half dimes without the stars

Yours as above
J. T. Smith

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
43 WALL STREET.

New York, March 1st 1830

To Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Will you please forward to us at
your earliest convenience, the assay of our
Gold Dust, forwarded to you through Adams
& Co on the 8th February.

Yours respectfully,

G. S. Robbins & Son

large quantity of Bullion, being
sent from N. York - at an expense of
nearly a quarter of one m^l - without
reference to loss of interest - and it
also seems probable, that some
enlargement of the Capacity of
the Mint at Phil^a is required.

but there may be reasons for
~~not removing~~ the Mint from
the latter Place - which, I think,
and frankly state - would in my
opinion follow, as a consequence
upon establishing a Branch in
New York - and this simply because
the business is there - and of course
the Mint or place of doing that
business

business, should also be there - and
if you know of such reasons - which
are not local or of that character,
that you would please state them

W. Meredith, Secy of Treas^y
with whom I have casually talked
upon this subject - without going
into details - does not seem to
have had time, as yet, fully to
consider the matter - and before
proceeding further - I really wanted
your opinion - not officially - but
individually, if you saw fit to give
it to me. -

On one other subject, allow me
to trouble you. I have always
thought that the Coins of the
United States

New London Conn.
March 2nd 1850

Sir,
I have become the possessor of Mint Certificate N^o 1121 which is
accompanied by a "Memorandum" stating that it is worth \$1345.74

Will you please to inform me when I can be paid the above amount,
and if interest is allowed after the value is ascertained it will be
sent for it.

I am very respectfully,
Your Most Obed^t Serv^t
H. C. May

To Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York March 2^d 1850

Robt Garrison Esq

Director Anti Slavery

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have

Some Gold Bonds deposited in the Trust for Comage
under Certificate Nos 564 to 569. we shall be much
pleased to know when it will be ready for delivery
and if you will notify us when it is ready

Yours respectfully

James Johnson

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, March 2 1850

L R Snowding Esq
Dear Sir

Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co. Express 195 oz 7 dwt California
Gold for coinage. Please return receipt by
return & assay by mail

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

We have not recd the assay for several
back lots. Please forward them.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

2^d March 1859.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

No. 6919. Pay to 1997. 2,000

Treasury Department
March 2. 1850.

Sir

The enclosed purporting to be of the value of \$1. is transmitted for examination at the Mint. There are many pieces in circulation here with the same impression on the reverse, and there is an apprehension entertained that they are spurious, unless, indeed, different dies have been employed as the Mint in the coinage of gold dollars.

Be pleased to report, at your earliest convenience, the result of the examination, as some of the pieces referred have been, to day, refused by the Treasurer.

I am very Resp^tl.

A. N. Marsh

Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

New York 3rd Mar. 1848.

R. M. Patterson Esq
10th

Having the honor to acknowledge yours of
the 28th Feb. at this place, when I shall remain probably during
the present week — some views on the subject alluded to coincide
with my own, and as your letter is very instructive, to those parties
who are not acquainted in detail, with the coinage. I think it
might be proper to publish it, if not at present, certainly when the
bill shall be presented for consideration of Congress — On my return
to Washington. I shall present the subject to the Committee on Commerce

Respectfully Yours,
Phillips Allen

What think you of the immediate publication of the letter?

Sir

Albany March 4th 1850

One money order advice of Feb 28th
came to hand this day. You will observe
by one letter of 14th Dec accompanying the deposit
that it consisted of 3 several lots marked as follows
(Albany city Bank weight) one package marked D & R L
Howe 1255¹⁴⁰ 21⁵⁰ - one do marked Howe 400 1205¹⁴⁰ - 26⁵⁰
one marked Thos C M Butler 327¹⁴⁰ - 18⁵⁰ with a request
that the value of each should be ascertained
separately - as there are separate interests
in it, it is very desirable that we know
the value of each respectively, by giving
us which you will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully

D & R L Howe

R M Patterson Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.

Phil. March 14, 1858.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 2d inst., in which you ask our ^{judgment} decision of the Mint
regarding a ^{suspected} gold dollar coinage. The piece which you sent has
been carefully examined, and it proves, without doubt, to be
a legitimate coin. In the coinage of the first gold dollar
pieces, the wreath on the reverse was shorter than in those
subsequently coined; and this circumstance has partly given
rise to the suspicion. The mark upon the obverse has
been made with solder, ~~fixed to it~~, probably with the
purpose of attracting the eye of a button to it, so as to make
it as a button.

R. M. O.

Mrs. Wm. M. Wendell,

Sec. of Treasury,

P. S. I return the gold dollar.

Portland March 4, 1850

Dear Sir

I rec'd a letter from
Capt Wm Boutelle from California stating
that he should send a box of Gold dust
to U. S. Mount Philadelphia to my order
as he left for the Sandwich Islands soon after
and have not rec'd anything from him since

You will oblige me by means of return
mail if any thing of the above box is received
by you (to my address or order)

Yours respectfully

J. C. Correll
Helmuth. me

J. R. M. Patterson
Phil^a

Washington D.C.
5 March 1850

Dear Sir

I duly received your favor of 2nd,
together with the little Manual - you were so good
as to send me - I am much obliged by your va-
luable remarks - which command my respectful
attention and I value the information which you
give me. I will at an early day - confer
with Mr. Chandler - upon the subject generally,
and particularly in regard to a "British agency"
in New York. The expediency of such a pro-
vision would much depend - upon probable cost of
removing to New York, of the machinery of the Print,
-preserving the building and land - would sell
in Phil^a - for about as much as a new site would
cost in New York. This you will observe,
is alluded to, merely to get at all the facts - upon
which, the proper determination of this question will
rest - which it is quite evident, is not ~~and~~ ought
not to be, summarily disposed of. No. 66 sent,
I am Dear Sir, with sincere resp^t James G. Hing

New York Mar 5th 1850

Govt Patterson

Sir will you oblige
me by sending me a report of receipt
No 524 Feb 8th 1850 also No 952 Feb 22nd 1850
will you also inform me when the double
eagles will be issued. An answer
by return of mail will much
oblige

Yours &c

D. J. Webster
No 7 Ann St

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In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the Eastern
District

John Andrew Lehigh }
Patrick M. Langton } of March Term 1850
N^o 2 In Equity

And now 6th March 1850 By Bill. J

Motion denied and injunction refused.
From the Record

Witness my Hand and the
Seal of the said Supreme Court
at Philadelphia this sixth day
of March A.D. 1850

Simon Cohen
Prothy

Three mile Bay Jefferson County, State of New York. 6th March 1857

2^d Sir,

I wish you would have the kindness to inform^{me} whether a gentleman by the name of William H Agnew has deposited Gold or Gold dust at the United States Mint at any time since the 24th day of January last and if he left the name of the place of his residence - You will confer a very great favour on me and my distressed family by an immediate reply - The clothing of a son of mine who is supposed to have died on the Pacific Ocean on his way home from California were deposited in the City of New York on the 24th day of January last by a gentleman who gave his name W. H. Agnew - no Letter or intimation of how, when or where my sons clothing &c deposited from him accompanied the same - My object in writing to you is to learn if possible the place of residence of M^r Agnew so as to write to him and obtain from him some information about my lost child - It is supposed that M^r Agnew had a considerable amount of Gold or Gold dust and that he may have deposited it at the Mint to be coined and that his residence is in the State of Virginia - I hope that you will have compassion upon me & my family and give me your reply immediately

Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt. Wm^m Carlisle

Esqr. Director U. S. Mint

Ans'd no such reports, but the name had coming to Mr. Neff's recollection from some other legs, & it probably sold to another. Refer to the Steamship agents.

West of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 6, 1857

Dr. Sir,

Your letter of the 3d inst, was ~~not~~ ^{me} received by
~~you~~ this morning. I am gratified to find that
we coincide in our views on the subject of our former
correspondence. ~~You ask me what I would think~~
~~of an immediate publication of the letter, as I~~
You propose that my letter should be ^{immediately} published;
but there is ~~a~~ ^{difficult} a circumstance which makes
this now objectionable. I had letters from the Hon.
Mr. Dickinson and ^{the} Duer, which required answers, ^{very} similar
to yours, and the greater part of your letter was accordingly
sent to them. Now although they know this, ~~perhaps~~
it would perhaps be indelicate to have the letter printed
without their being consulted. On your return to Wash-
ington, and when a bill shall be presented, ~~you~~ ^{specify}
that the letter may be published with propriety.

RMS.

Wm. J. Phillips Phoenix.
M. C.

Ed Sprague Pittsburg March 6. 1880

Dear Sir on the 13th February

I deposited in the Mint (Fifty Six ³/₁₀₀ oz) of gold bullion to be coined as per receipt
You will please inform me if it is coined
and if coined what manner I can get
it paid to me in Pittsburg in Gold. Should
prefer ^{being} paid me in Pittsburg let me know,
if the receipt has to be returned to the Mint
Your immediate answer will confer a favour
on

Yours Respectfully

William E Reel

Quick answer Herriotville

Allegheny Pa

No. 700

No. 700. \$ 1011.04

about \$ 1,000,000 will pay above.

Treasury Department
March 8. 1850.

Sir

The letter addressed by you
to J. W. W. on the 9th Decy 1849 and referred
to in your communication of the 5th inst. cannot
be found on the files of the Auditor's Office.

Will you be pleased to send a copy to this office.

Very Respectfully,

N. M. Need
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

P.S. - The enclosed letter from Mr. H. B. Leland & Co. is
just received is submitted for your personal report.

Buffalo March 1, 1850
 The Treasurer of
 United States Bank
 Phila

For have just
 recd. from Messrs Adams & Co. a
 (No. 859) Certificate from your office for nine hundred
 sixteen dollars the proceeds of 29 oz 18 Dec. Califor-
 nian Gold - dated 18 Feb'y, 1850. The certifi-
 cate says the gold was 905,000 fine - Upon observing
 how near this is to fine gold it occurred to us
 whether there was not a mistake in the estimated
 value - We are aware that if there is an error
 it will be gratifying to you to correct the same -
 We have therefore taken the liberty of calling
 your attention to this subject

You are Sir
 yr obt Servt
 Wm Reynolds
 and
 C. E. Young

fine & ct
 901 = 18.625323
 49.18
 149002584
 18625323
 167627907
 74501252
 91599.338514

43 900 fine
 or
 stand
 = \$800.

P.S. Please advise us whether
 Pure & fine gold mean the same thing
 in your Standard - & what are they
 worth at the mint

Charleburg Aug 1st 1850

Dr. R. A. Patterson

Sir - I take pleasure in
introducing to your friendly consideration the bearer
Mr. F. F. Bossett who is desirous of obtaining a
situation in the mint in case there should be
any vacancy which he would be capable of
filling. I have been acquainted with Mr. Bossett
~~for~~ ~~for~~ about 12 years during which time
I have had every reason to know that he is a
man of strict probity and I think I hazard
nothing in saying that so far as character, and
industrious habits, &c. are concerned he will
afford ample satisfaction should he secure a
situation in the mint. I am as you may
be aware Mr. Bossett's son-in-law from which
account the foregoing statements might not be deemed
sufficient to accomplish his object. He will I
have no doubt furnish you more satisfactory
references which (it is hoped) may be of greater
consideration than my humble effort.
Very respectfully yours

H. H. Egan

I have known Mr. Joseph Boscort for upwards
of Twelve Years. I believe him to an Honest
Sober & Industrious Man. John H. Fraley

I very cordially concur in the foregoing recom-
-mendation
Solomon Higgins

Dr. Wm. A. Patterson
W. H. Mint

Mint of the U.S. Phil. Mar. 9. 1850

Mr J. W. Thomas deposited at the Mint on the
4th inst. One hundred & twenty eight $\frac{60}{100}$ ounce
of Gold, for which a receipt was given
for only One hundred & eighteen $\frac{60}{100}$. The
error occurred in writing down the weight
of one of the items of which his deposit was
composed. The error is rectified on the books
of the Mint and a correct receipt will be
given on presentation of the erroneous one.

E. A. Sprague
Clerk of the Mint

Washington March 10
1850

Sir

There is a determination
in Congress to recoin or rather
substitute a new coin for
the present one and I must
confess with deference to your
experience I am inclined to try
it. I desire to bring it before Con-
gress & if you will give me a
specimen & a corresponding in-
troduction I will at least introduce

a bill this spring & thus call
public attention to the subject.

I thank you for the specimen
sent & am glad the intro-
duction of the bill you
sent to him from you
further. I have recently seen
an English "taker" - a light
copper coin & thin silver centre
- a very pretty coin said to be
of 10 value. I send you a
further letter from the Press
of the
Hon B. Patterson R. S. Dickinson

Minist. of the United States.

Phil: March 11, 1854.

In your letter of the 8th inst. you send me a letter from Messrs. Howland & Rappinwall, and you do me the honor of submitting it for my personal and report."

On the 26th & 27th of June last there was sent to the President at the Hotel, from that Firm, a considerable amount of California gold. At this gold against starting, and for the operation a charge was made according to a tariff of charges of long standing. It had been determined, however, that this tariff should be changed, and the charges reduced, from the 1st of July following. In a letter from Mr. Charles Wm. Leachman of the 6th of July, he called my attention to the fact that the House determined by their meeting the deposits before the day of the ^{when} the tariff was to be put into operation, and requiring they must be deposited in time. My answer was as follows.

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and after again considering the case which you present, I cannot see any practicable course by which deposits ~~may be~~ made and registered before the 1st of July, can be placed under the conditions of a tariff that did not go into effect until that date."

I see no possibility of ^{changing} ~~changing~~ justly and legally, from this conclusion. ^{It may} ~~Persons~~ add herein some other means that ^{would} make a ~~small~~ ^{small} change in the case, impermissible.

If the principle of Mrs. Howland & Aspinwall were adopted, all others who came within it should share the benefit. We find that this would include thirty five depositors, ^{with some} and ^{requiring} to the amount of \$369,000. It is suggested and expected that we would this be the end of the claims. If deposits of the 1st of June are passed, why not extend ^{to} 25th and 24th Dec. Depositors would hardly demand that ~~any~~ ^{the} depositors should preserve the limit should be established for the benefit of a single depositor.

~~If the reports of Mrs. Howland & Aspinwall had been stopping to the 1st of July, we find that their payment would have been ~~greatly~~ ^{greatly} deferred twice longer.~~

~~Having found by a large experience, that the tariff of July 1st was not sufficient to bear the expense of printing, it was, without an appropriation, raised from 3 cents per volume to 5, ~~and should take effect from the 1st inst.~~ when Howland & Aspinwall have over a deposit in the amount of \$013 02, brought to us before the change in the charge for printing. If the principle proposed ^{in the first case} ~~in this case~~ were extended to this, it would add to the charge when of printing this deposit more than \$120.~~

P. M. P.

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Rev. Wm. A. Brewster,
Sec. of Treas.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, March 11, 1830.

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter
of the 8th inst., I have the honor of sending herewith a
copy of my communication with Mr. Tully R. Lewis, Esq., on
the 9th of July, 1829.

R. M. D.

Long

Hon. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of Treasury;

Department of the Interior
March 11th 1880

Dear Sir

I send you ~~by~~ this day, Mail
a hatchet made of metal found on
the Smoky Fork of the Kanawha - The one
is said to be very abundant & rich - I
wish you to assay it, & for that purpose
to take from the hatchet so much as
as necessary, with as little injury
to the appearance of the implement
as may be - I suppose it to be fine
with some mixture of silver - Please
return here & return what remains
of the hatchet

Very Respectfully
Yours

Wm R M Patterson
U.S. Min. Phila

T. Ewing

New Bedford 3rd Mo 11. 1850

Adams Co^r

Gent^l Enclosed I have a certificate of
Cooke Baker Esq of having forwarded to Amos McEno
No 74 Broadway New York Two packages of gold dust for
me dated San Francisco Jan^y. 12. 1850 for \$62 1/2 of which
certificate is endorsed over to you. Please receive the gold
and forward it to the Mint at Philadelphia and take
their certificate for it in the name of S. B. Congdon Cash
of Merchants Bank New Bedford for use of Philip Anthony
which receipt please forward to me as soon as it can be
obtained.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter and
enclosure immediately

Yours Respectfully

Philip Anthony
"3"

*1	231 1/4	37 00
*2	331 1/4	53 00
		900 00

Mr Newell Please observe
above instructions of Mr Anthony
W B J
March 12/50

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
33 WALL STREET.

New York, Nov 11 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq
U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

We hand you herewith
Adams & Co's receipt for one package gold dust
for which please send us certificate at your
earliest convenience

Yours respectfully

G. S. Robbins & Son
per George Farnham

Wm Adams March 11th 1852.

Worthy Sir,

I am requested to inquire
of you whether certain gold-dust left
at the mint to be coined, by P. H. Cowen,
had been taken away, if so, when.

Oliver S. Clarke

Do not know how to find out when the deposit was made.

U. S. Mint, March 11. 1850

Sir,

In reply to yours of yesterday I have to say that it will give me pleasure to comply with your wish in preparing the required specimen of a one-cent piece, as also the form of legal provision therefor. In order to this, however, it is necessary that I should first receive from you some ~~more~~ definite directions:

First, as to the size, ^{or weight} ~~and form~~ of the piece; on which will depend the proportions of its constituents:

Second, as to its form; whether solid, or with a hole in the centre, and whether circular, or bounded by right lines; or whether upon the plan of the British "Model penny" which you mention, and of which we have a specimen. This penny, I may suggest, ~~will apparently~~ obviously presents such mechanical difficulties in the execution, as must make it very expensive, and on a large scale nearly impracticable.

Thirdly it is necessary for me to know whether you would have the coin of full intrinsic value; and if so, in what sense; whether as to the amount of ^{the} silver contained in it - or whether as to the amount of both ^{the} silver and ^{the} copper; and whether it should possess full ^{the} intrinsic value, after the expenses of parting. For you will observe, that silver in the condition of billon, that is, in any low proportion, is of no commercial value, ~~or commercial use~~, any more than the same silver would be, poorly interspersed in its original earthy matrix.

~~A person possessed of any quantity of such ^{alloy} material, would really be worth no more than the market.~~

The moment you make such an alloy, you depreciate the materials, by just so much as it would cost to restore them to a pure or standard condition; which, ~~in~~ at the refineries of France, costs about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce, I believe it would not be done so cheaply at any refinery in this country.

I would add, that if the one-cent coin is made, in any sense or respect, of intrinsic value,

It will ~~be~~ be fatal to the project of the three-cent coin, which would then be proportionately under value in the comparison; it will also instantly discredit the present large circulation of copper money, which is intrinsically worth less than half its face. And this leads me to ask

Finally, your views as to the disposition of the copper coins now in circulation, and the further coinage of such; for something on that point wd have to be embodied in the bill.

I wd respectfully suggest that the provisions for a billon cent be disconnected from the matter of the bill already sent, by making of them a distinct bill.

Awaiting your reply, I am very respectfully
Yours

P.S. I ought to state, that it will make a material difference in ^{point of} time, whether ^{the} specimen you ask is to be ~~a~~ a complete coin, ~~struck~~ or only a planchet, of the due size and alloy. The former, judging from the time employed on the 3 cent piece, could not be completed for some months.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 12, 1857.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., I have to say that it will give me pleasure to comply with your wish, by preparing the required specimen of a one-cent piece, and also the form of a legal provision therefor.

I propose, in the first place, to confine myself to simple planchets, as the complete coins could not be prepared without a long delay.

The British "Mould penny" which you mention, and of which we have a specimen, obviously presents such mechanical difficulties in the execution, as must make it very expensive, and on a large scale nearly impracticable.

R.M.P.

Sr.

Hon. Genl. S. Dickinson
U. S. Senate,
Washington.

West of the United States
Philadelphia.

March 12, 1837.

Sir,

The first coins of South Lays has been
counted to day, and I send two of them, for
the President and yourself.

They have been struck with all the force that
could be used, - so to speak - as to injure the
die, - and yet the impression is not perfect. The
face is still too much in relief.

R. W. P.

For Mr. W. W. Bennett,
Secy of the Treasury.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Journey Court) New York, March 12 1856

H. Knickerbocker Esq
Dear Mr Knickerbocker

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston Vt Express 179 g. 1000 Cal. Gold for
Coinage. Please return next season by train

Very Yours
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By E. Stephens

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, *Mar 12 1878*

L. Snowden Esq
Tras. U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston Pl^o Express, 188. g. 8 duts, Cal. Gold
for Coinage. Please return Receipt & away by
Express

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By Christopher

New York 3rd Mo 12th 1850.

To the Chief Officer
of the U S Mint
Phil^a

Enclosed we hand you memorandum
of one Don Califormia Gold Leaf sent you by Adams & Co
express herewith to be coined for use of our friends
Mr F Cunningham & Co of Boston.

Respectfully requesting thy attention to
the same.

We are thy assured friend

Abraham Bell

Copy

by Hearn and Co
Original & Adams & Co would
not take it - ABP
New York 3rd 21st 1850.

To the Chief Officer
of the U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Enclosed we send you
Memorandum of our Box California Gold Dust
sent you by Adams & Co. express herewith to be
received for use of our friend, A. J. Cunningham & Co.
of Boston.

Respectfully requesting thy attention to
the same.

We are thy ob^d serv^t.
Wm. H. Bell & Co

Memorandum gold dust for Adams & Co. express
to the Mint for use A. J. Cunningham & Co. Boston
San Francisco valuation

W.H. & Co.	\$24000.00
O.E. & Co.	200.86
	395.40
	980.00
O.G. & Co.	176.00
	<u>\$25751.96</u>

The Assayer will please give separate valuations
of each of the above parcels the whole being for use
of A. J. Cunningham & Co.
Boston
Mass.

E. Sprague Esq.
Dear Sir

Bact⁵ 12th May 1850

I received per Adams's
express this morning the mint certifi-
cate now returned you in this letter.

I return it from the fact that it is
held subject to the order of Mrs R.
Williams. The gold dust was sent
on by me through Adams & Co, for
the proof of which, I enclose their
receipt, and I would be much pleased
if you sent me per next mail
a certificate in my favour. - I
am sorry to trouble you so much,
but as Mrs Williams resides out of
town, the trouble of her attention to it
&c &c, causes me to wish it fixed
as above stated.

I am most truly
Yours
James D. Stone
12 Hanover St

Portland March 12/50

Robert Patterson Esq
Clark

Dear Sir

most was duly recd. in reply Capt W. Boutelle
wrote me of Nov 14 that he had a box of Gold Dust
all ready to send me and should send it by Sturges
of Dec 1 from California that he should send
it to Phila^a mint to my order

also I am Expecting by the Last Sturges
about 10,000 \$ from Croft & Hobson & Co to order
if my should arrive at your place you will
please inform me and Oblige Yours
Oth Stewart

J. C. Demmell

Portland mine

Since Capt Boutelle went
from here I have moved my place
of Residence to Portland mine
Please Direct as above

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncy Court) New-York, Mar. 13 1858
C. R. Snowden Esq. Treas. U. S. M.
Sir

We send herewith by Livingston Ho
3713 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ dwt Cal. Com. for assay.
Please return receipt & assay by
bearer.

Respy. Yrs
Wm. Weeks Kelley & Co.

New York. Nov 13/1850
R. W. Patterson Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dr Sir

We send you
for Adams, 4th Express one Sealed Package containing
4 Packages Gold Dust. Which please have
assayed and send us Certificate of same
and we remain

Yours Truly,

Chas H Brown

Marks 3 Packages -

No 1	-	P
" 2	-	W.T.
" 3	-	F.
" 4	-	P.M.

New York March 14th 1835
Dr Sir

You will please send
me a Statement by mail in regard
to the Gold bullion I deposited with
you about the 12th of February. Also how
soon I can obtain the coin —

Very respectfully Yours
C. P. Hoodgood
45 Eighth Avenue

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 14, 1850.

Dear Sir,

The hatchet which you sent has been
examined, and it is found to be composed of ^{iron} tin
and lead, ~~and without any silver~~. It is in fact
made of pewter. Major Crossman, of the ^{U.S.} Army,
informs me that similar hatchets are frequently found
among the Indians of the far West, and used as pipes.
The metal ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ ~~fact~~ is furnished to them by ~~hatch~~ a
hatchet-pipe, of iron and steel, ~~sent to them from England~~,
carried to them by the ~~trade~~ traders.

Very respectfully,

truly yours,

J. M. Patterson.

Wm. Thomas Poirer,

Secretary of the Treasury.

House of Representatives
March 15. 1850

Sir,

I have a Print Outpict,
No. 468, from by yourself to Livingston Well, Mo.
Will you be please to advise me as far
as may be in your power. as to the earliest
probable day when the bullion will be coming.

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Lucius B. Peck

Treasurer of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States,
March 16, 1850.

W. L. D. Hawkins has left in the Mint, a
quantity of gold and also one bundle.
The same is to be weighed and receipt
given in the name of Hopper, Hawkins & Co
and sent to Lombard & Bulfinch N.Y.

James R. Chalmers
Treasurer.

Chas Lee for Bank
Buffalo Oct 16. 1856

To the
Director of the Mint
Ph^a
Sir

I send by Wells & Co Express
this evening a bag of California gold
weighing One hundred & ten ounces
twelve penny weight ($110 \frac{12}{16}$) for
which please send me your
receipt in the name of this Bank

I oblige you

Respectfully

A S Loring
(3)

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Journey Court) New York, *March 16 1850*

L R Snowden Esq
Treas. US Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co. Express 140 of 13¹/₂ dwt California
Gold for coinage. Please return next Monday
by express

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By Esteping

Philad.^a March 16. 1850

Being informed that Mr. Joseph
Boswell, is desirous of procuring
a situation in the United States
Minut, I most cheerfully give
my opinion of his industry, honesty
and deserving. Knowing him,
well, and particularly as his pastor,
I am every way persuaded that
he will perform his duties fully,
and I therefore hope his applica-
tion may be successful.

J. H. H. H.
J. H. H. H.
Pastor of Nazareth M. E. C.

New York March 16th 1850

Annexed 7 bags, containing

B. B. No. 1.	4339	lbs
" 2.	4339	"
" 3.	4339	"
" 4.	4338	"
" 5.	4338	"
" 6.	4340	"
" 7.	5200	"

31233 lbs Silver

which are to be melted and the amount
is to be returned in coins please

J. W. L. Harris
Philadelphia

Bennett Davis

Mint of the U. S.

Mch 18, 1830.

Cutlerman

Please find enclosed

Mint Receipt No. 1367, for one hundred
Sevengone $11/100$ ounces Cal gold.

I send it to you in compliance
with the request of the gentleman
who made the deposit.

Very
Yrs

As signed J. R. S.
Per

Wm Lombard Puttick
New York.

Agent of the U. S.
Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1850.

Sir,

I have rec^d your letter of the 15th.
The deposits of silver referred to, was
carefully & correctly weighed by the Clerk
in the weigh room, in the presence of Mr.
L. W. Newell, of the firm of Adams & Co, who
brought the silver to the Mint. The mark
on the box was incorrect, the true
weight was 770⁷/₁₆ lbs ounces as stated in
the receipt.

Very respy
Yours
(signed) J. R. S.

Thompson & Davidson
Boston Mass.

Rossville March 18th 1850

Director of the U. S. Mint,

Sir I received a receipt from San Francisco signed J. Heron Foster for a bar of gold to be deposited in the United States Mint & to be credited to David Weaver & S. Also received an order from said Weaver to receive the proceeds of said bar of gold, & Daniel Cookson has received a receipt for a Bar of Gold to be credited to Mr. H. Armitage also to be deposited in the U. S. Mint & a order from Mr. H. Armitage to receive the proceeds of said bar. D. Weavers receipt calls for a bar worth \$51² dwts & I believe some of both said persons are in great need you will please inform me by a few lines by the first mail whether said Bars of Gold have yet been deposited & if not as soon as they may come to hand & how soon the proceeds can be had & Mr. H. Armitage wrote that he thought it could be had something like the 25th of this month. by answering these few lines promptly you will much oblige yourself with
Sincerely
D. Cookson (the other side)

J. J. Gardner

Please Direct your letter
Crossville York County Pa
J. G. Gardner

Washington

18 March 1850

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will find
my Check on Philadelphia Bank
for forty dollars in payment for
two double eagles you were kind
enough to send me.

I am very truly
Yrs

W. H. Keeler

To
Dr R. M. Patterson
of
Philadelphia.

New York March 18. 1838.

James R. Snowden Esq.
Care of Mr. Wallcut.

Friend

Yr.

I have been thinking of writing
No 1116 - for 45 days. It is dated March 12 - since Gold came
from the Segovia mines near Granada, - being good -

I am sorry to trouble you - but it would oblige others interested
to know about the period, I very respect the market value
of actual value -

Very Respectfully Yrs.

Edmund,

77 Chatham St.

New York 19th March 1850

R. L. Patterson Esq

Director U.S. Mint Phila

Sir

We had this pleasure on the 15th but when we requested you to have the Receipts & transmit to us direct by mail the Assign's returns for our Silver Certificates nos 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164 left with you for our use and deposited in our name by dep. Standen & Co.

At the same time we took the liberty of requesting you to apprise us when in all probability the parcels would be ready.

We now write to say that we are the proprietors of your Certificates of Silver Bullion nos 71, 72, 73, 74 of yesterday's date for \$3600. It has occurred to us that you might have occasion for some of this silver for coinage - If so we should be willing to transfer to you \$11.00 thereof provided you will make us advance returns in Gold Coin for the first named four Certificates of Gold dust deposits and that we shall thereby experience no delay in receiving the remaining \$25.00 in doing say the first that are coined out of parcels 71, 72, 73, 74.

awaiting the favor of a reply. We are

Yours

Yours, respectfully

Ward Beecher

54. Walnut.

New York March 19. 1850.

Jas Rice Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Sir,

Your favor under
date of yesterday to Messrs. Lusk & Putnam
is rec^d enclosing receipt No 1367 for one hundred
Seventy one $\frac{1}{10}$ ounces Cal. Gold. for which
you have my thanks.

Enclosed I return, as per request, the
receipt for the parcels which you gave me on
Saturday.

Respy

J. D. Starkins

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S.

Boston March 20. 1850.

Sir,

I transmit to you this day by Messrs
Adams & Co. Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred
Sixty Six Dollars and Eighty Four Cents in Foreign Gold,
for which please return Twenty Thousand Dollars
in Double Eagles, and the balance in Gold Dollars.

In addition to the
above, I transmit Fifteen Hundred Fifty Six
Dollars & Sixty Six cents in Foreign Silver, for
which please return Eight Hundred Dollars in
Dimes, Seven Hundred Dollars in Half Dimes,
and the balance in Cents.

I remain Sir

Very Respectfully Yours,

Franklin Haven

Asst. Treas. U.S.

To
James R. Snowden Esq^r
Treas. of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

City of Washington
March 20th 1860

Sir

I deposited Jan'y: 21. Eighty ^{two} ounces of
Gold Bullion for carriage. for which I
had a receipt of Mr. Ed. Sprague.
Please favour me with an order for
its value. directed to the care of Hon:
Edw Stanly H. R. and subject to his
order.

Very Resp^t:

Edw Stanly
Lieutenant U. S. A.

To

Mr Ed Sprague.

Wm. M. S.

Phil. 20 Mar. 1850.

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge
the enclosed letter and statement from the Trust of the
B. M. N. O. ^{received this morning, in the morning} ~~forwarded to me by the Superintendent.~~
which he requests that the necessary action in the premises may be taken as quickly as possible.
They ~~request~~ ^{ask} that an additional appropriation by Congress
is necessary ^{to meet the} ~~to~~ ^{collected} ~~to~~ ^{with} the expenses of the present fiscal year.
~~that~~ As the A. R. is now engaged in the defining appropriate
Bill, I have ~~as time~~ ^{as time} in forward the papers to
you without delay.

R. M. P.

Com. Wm. M. S.

Sec. of Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq

Sir

Enclosed is a bill to provide for
the depreciation of silver coin — Will you do me the favor to
give me your opinion as related to it? I cannot believe that it will
answer the purpose intended by the bill.

Would you give me a statement of the amount of bullion and
coin stored in the mint. during the year ending the 20 March inst

Bullion for California (including all gold)

foreign coin

also the names of the ports into which the bullion & coin were imported

Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. McKim

No. of Recd. 21. March 1850

Norfolk March 21st 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq^r
Director of
U. S. Mint.
Phil^a

Dear Sir

On the 13th Inst^l I forwarded ^{through} the Agency
of Adams & Co^s Express line. "Immediately" on its recep-
tion by myself, a small parcel under its original seal
and envelop^e, of California Gold marked 25 ounces
or \$400 with a request that the said Agent would
immediately deliver the said Parcel to the Director of
the Phil^a Mint; under an impression that its full
value in Cash would be immediately returned to me in
this place. As nothing thus far on the subject
has transpired am consequently very desirous of ascer-
taining from yourself the information so essentially
 requisite.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Most Obed^t &c.
Edward L. Young

Chas W. D. Phil. 21 Mar. 1850

Genl;

I thank you for the proposal you make in your letter of the 19th inst, and regret that it is not in our power to accede to it. We are not permitted to pay the amounts of your gold cuts out of their order. If however you will transfer to you at your silver certificate No. 71, or the two 71 & 72 we will pay you the value in gold coins without delay. Please to let me know your determination in the case.

Rm. P.

Messrs. Ward & Price

54 Wall St

New York

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
21 WALL STREET.

New York, March 21st 1851

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philadelphia

Sir

We send to the mint
today for coinage one parcel of gold Bull
the receipt for which and the assay when ready
please send to us by mail Yours Respectfully

G. S. Robbins & Son

J. Robbins

1 parcel
marked on the inner wrapper
A. A. Peachy - said to be of the value of \$758⁸⁰/₁₀₀

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, N.Y. Feb 21 1850

L R Snowden Esq
New As Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by Livingston
& Co. Express 550.00 of 7 dwt Mex & S A Dollars for
Coinage Please return Receipt & advise by return

Respectfully
Wm Kelley & Co.
By Estephan

N. S. Mot.

Phie. Mar. 22/50.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the 20th inst.
and also per Mr. Adams the amount of
gold & silver bullion mentioned therein,
viz gold \$25,566.84, Silver \$1556.66.
I will make a return in the coin you desire
at as early a day as is practicable.

Very respectfully,
Yr. obed^t
(signed) J. R. S.
Thos.

Franklin Howard Esq

Ass^t Secy N. S.

Boston.
Mass

New York 22nd March 1850

Rich. Patterson Esq

San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

We have the pleasure to own receipt of your
valuable favor of yesterday and are exceedingly indebted for the
information you impart respecting the proceedings of the Commodity
Department.

Our object in proposing to the department an
exchange of a portion of our silver for an anticipation of the
gold coin and our was to save interest. The silver stands at
in a premium of $\frac{3}{4}$ % - The sacrifice of this sum upon
the amount offered by you would have saved us six weeks interest
upon twice the amount - The savings when added are worth a
sum of 2 % here.

As the magnitude of our operations with
California & the Pacific is likely to compel us to perhaps
very frequently upon your time & attention we are
quite willing to cede to you 11. % of the silver in
question at its exact cost but say $\frac{1}{4}$ % P.M.

We are dear Sir

Always truly yours
Ward & Paine

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. March 23, 1850.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst to the Director of
the Mint has been referred to me. The California
gold mentioned by you (viz: 250 lb.) was deposited by
Mr. E. S. Sandford for Edmund L. Young on the 19th
inst. Mr. S. is of the firm of Adams & C^o. The paper
has not yet ^{the principle of the deposit} deposited, ^{so as to enable me to determine} the value. ~~of the deposit~~
When it is ready, I will give it to Messrs. Adams
& C^o who have the matter in charge.

In reply to a remark in your letter,
it is proper to observe that as the Mint is a man-
factory and being the depository in the order in which
they are received, and that it will be several
weeks before your deposit will be payable.

Yours very Respectfully
Yours ob^d. servt.

Edmund L. Young Esq
Norfolk Eng^a

James Robt Snowden
Treasurer.

New York March 24th. 1850

Dr. Tatouson Dear Sir

You will probably recollect
my calling on you at the Mint. as regards affecting
an arrangement for making Copper Blancets
for the purpose of making Cents

I addressed a few lines to Mr. Snowden some
five days ago in regard to the matter as you said
he had charge of that department

But have not received an answer as yet.

And likewise my terms what I would furnish them
for. Which was this I would deliver them at the mint
guaranteed to be as perfect as any made and free of any
expense and receive at the rate of thirty to the pound
after being stamped

I do not know as Mr. Snowden
received my Communication or why I have not received
an answer. But I would ask it of you as a great-
personal favor if you would speak to Mr. Snowden in
regard to the matter and inform me what can be done
And I beg your Honors will think favorable of the matter
And grant me the much desired request

P.S. I can if necessary give you
the best of reference both in
New York and Philadelphia
And there shall not be the
slightest cause for any
difficulty in any way

And I will ever pray
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant Edw. J. Green
Dr. Tatouson { Not Bowers

New York March 25 1790

Will. Patterson Esq

Treasurer U S Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have mint receipt No 1417 for 89 ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ oz, Gold Bullion dated Mar 22, this belongs to a friend who expects to leave the Country soon, and our present object is to ascertain the value of the deposit in order to pay him the amount before he leaves.

Will you be kind enough to forward us its assayed value as soon as ascertained? Under other circumstances we would not trouble you so far,

Truly Yours

Henry Henry

91 Wall Street

P.S. Can you also inform us where it will be coined?

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25 March 1859.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *Two* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Albany N. Y. 25 Mar. 1850.

Dear Sir,

On referring to the deposits, Nos. 71 & 72, of Silver, we find that neither the amounts, nor the name in which they are deposited would indicate that they are the parcel referred to in your Correspondence. They both stand in the name of B. Berend, and No. 71 yields \$10,000.77, No. 72 yields \$10,098.87. I presume the explanation is that you have an interest in these deposits to the amount of \$11,000, tho your name does not appear.

Without entering into the question of the original cost of this Silver to yourself, we are willing to pay the value of either or both of them, as above reported, at once, if you will take the payments in gold.

R. M. P.

Ward & Paine
New York

City of Washington D.C.
March 25/50

D Sir

I deposited in Jan'y 21st eighty ounces
of Gold Bullion, for Damage. for which
I hold a receipt.

Please send me a check of its
amount, under cover to the Honorable
Edw. Stanly, House of Representatives.

Very Respectfully
yours
Edw. Stanly

Lent 25/50

To

M^r

Ed. Sprague

Philadelphia

Laurel Branch 25. 1850.

Wm Patterson Esq.

Chief Justice

Wm. W. W. W.

Permit us to
introduce to your acquaintance, our friend
& townsman, Mr Geo. B. Atwood, who
will call on you while in Phila. on
the subject of Black Land Councils -
Any representations made by
Mr Atwood, you may confidently
rely upon -
We are.

Yrs. Very Resp
Geo. B. Atwood.

Sir,

About the first of February I
sent to the U. S. Mint by Mr Joseph
L. Hayward \$575. by count in
Mormon coin, the memorandums
which I have since received signed
by Geo. W. Edelman Treasurer of the
Mint, states the value of it at \$495.40
If you gave Mr Hayward a receipt
or certificate of deposit he has ne-
glected to send it to me, and he has
returned to the Great Salt Lake valley.
Will you have the goodness to inform
me at your earliest convenience
whether I can now draw for the
amount if not, when.

Respectfully,

John M. Bernhise

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, March 25 1850

J R Snowden Esq
near US Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you have by
Livingston & Co. express 294.73 dwts California
Gold for coinage. Please return receipt &
assay by banner

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E Stephens

Boston 26th March 1850

R. M. Pattison Esq

Dear Sir -

We are informed you would
probably supply us with Pure Silver (granulated)
for the purpose of making the Alliance - If you
will do so. will you please give us the price per
Troy pound -

and oblige yours respectfully

Smith & Melvin
325 Washington St. -

New York 26th March 1850

R. M. Paterson Esq

Director U.S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir

On the reasons explained in our reports
of the 22^d but we can only part with lot 4371 yielding
\$10,080.77 at a premium of $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to insure this sum
which is its exact cost to us.

The certificates are in the name of B. B.
Benedict but were brought by us or rather the silver itself
before it reached the mint.

I should therefore be glad if you would
be happy to send you the certificates -
meanwhile believe me

Yours Respectfully

Ward Price

Treasurer of the
U. S. Mint
Phil^a

N. York 26 March 1850

Dr Sir,

On the 5th inst I deposited at the Mint
two lots of Silver Bullion as per Certificate N^o 65. If
the Statement of the same is made out, will you be
so kind as to send it to me per mail, in order that
I may see the value and collect the amount?

With great respect, your obt^l St

A. S. S. S. S.

Newark March 26th 1850

To the Treasurer of the Mint of the United States
Sir

Will you be kind enough to send me the assay of
Deposit of Gold made by Albert W. Confield as per Mint
Receipt dated March 13th 1850 and No 1201 and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Albert W. Confield

Treasury Department
March 26. 1880.

Sir

I send enclosed a check on Crenshaw & Co. for
\$203.41/100 - being 1/2 of expense of transporting coins as stated in your letter dated
the 20th inst. - Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt.

I am very Respectfully
S. M. McKean A.

V. R. Morrison of
Treasury Dept.

If an opportunity should offer to send it - I should like to have a \$20 piece to show
the folks here & will send a check - on receipt immediately.

SMK.

Dept of the United States

Philadelphia 26 Mar. 1850.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th
inst, ^{with} ~~and also~~ of the Bulletin Accounts and vouchers of the
New Orleans B. M. for the 4th quarter of 1849.

I regret to ~~state~~ ^{find, that} an examination of these accounts,
~~shows~~ that no notice whatever has been taken of the gold silver
in gold deposits, or of the gold in silver deposits; and
that the Manager's reports of the credits and deductions proper
in such cases are altogether defective. I shall at once ad-
dress the Sup^t of that Mint on the subject, and in the
meantime cause a strict investigation of the accounts to
be made here.

R. M. P.

Dr

J. L. Smith, Secy. Aud^r.
Washington. }

Memo of the United States,

Philadelphia 26th Dec. 1850.

Sir,

reference to your letter just received

The gentlemen who deposited the mounds ~~in your name~~ took

a receipt ^{from} ~~the bank~~ ^{for} in your name. Upon the presentation
of that receipt, be by yourself or by your order, the deposit will now

be paid. I shall much regret if, on further enquiry, you are unable

to find ~~the receipt~~ ^{it}. ~~As it is now~~ ^{entirely} ~~lost~~ ^{and} ~~we have been informed~~ ^{that} ~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~there~~ ^{there}

~~a lost certificate and since it is not there~~

R. M. T.

Chas. M. Bernhisel }
Washington. }

Mont U.S. 27 Mar. 1850.

Sir,

I have been waited on this morning by the Collector of
Taxes, and ^{notified} informed that unless the taxes charged against the
Mint are paid he shall consider himself bound to levy the
same by warrant. He states that W. Brewster, the Counsel at large
who conducted the ^{suit} case against the Mint ~~which~~ was before
the Supreme Ct., has given an opinion that the equal division
of the Court in that case was in fact a decision against
the U.S.

The amount of these taxes to the close of last year was ¹⁸⁴⁹
\$7,578, and ^{for} those bills of this year will increase ~~the~~ them to about
\$8,826. ^{As to the} ~~By deduction of interest & costs of said mill prob-~~
~~ably be added, we shall require, for to meet this debt,~~ ^{Suppo-}
~~ing it to be legally payable~~ ^{ing it to be legally payable} some ten or eleven thousand
dollars, ^{of an} ~~this amount~~ ^{which} cannot be borne by the Mint without
an additional appropriation.

~~I have been~~
I have ^{to} request the instructions of the Department
in the present emergency.

R. M. P.

Sec. of the Treasury

* Simon Bridge - Collector of
the County, State of New York.

1850, March 27. — Simon Mudge Collector of the County, State & Loc. Tax, called upon me this morning for taxes claimed to be due by the Unit. He said that Mr. Brewster, the Counsel who conducted the suit, upon this claim, before the U. S. Supreme Court, had given his opinion that the equal divisions of the Court, in that case, was in fact a decision against the U. S.

The amount of taxes to the close of 1849 was \$7,575, & then for the present year with increase this sum to about \$8,826. If to this, interest & cost of suit be added, the claim may reach to 10 or 11,000 dollars.

Mr. Mudge says that he considers himself bound to levy the amount by execution; and added that he would expect an answer by the beginning of April.

Cash referred to the Sec. of the Treasury.

Ammonia -

Collected by the Rev. Mr. [unclear]
[unclear]

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[unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

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Mont U. S. Phil. Mar. 27, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing your check on Messrs. Corcoran & Riggs for \$203⁴²/₁₀₀ in payment of my account rendered the 20th inst for expenses in the transportation of foreign coins to the Mint.

I am very
your obt. servt

James Ross Snowden
Treas.

S. M. McKean, Esq
Asst. Secy. Dept
Washington City

P.S. I will avail myself of the first opportunity which occurs to send you a double eagle, in compliance with your request.
J.R.S.

Manassas March 27. 80

Director of the United
States Mint - Philadelphia
Penn

Dear Sir,

I have this forwarded to
your mint, to be coined into currency gold; 2502
piece gold; forwarded from Toledo by Express
& Payer's price of 84 per cent. Marked "To the Director
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia
Penn. 2502 piece gold; sent by Wm. Robertson.
As soon as received, notify me of the fact, &
as soon as the value is ascertained send me
a Mint Certificate for the amount con-
vey to me.

Very truly,
Wm. Robertson

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, *Mar 27 1850*

J. Snowden Esq

Mass St Minch

Dear Sir

We send you this day
by Livingston & Co. Express 101.00 10 dols California
Gold for coinage. Please return receipt by
return

*Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. H. H. H.*

New York, March 28th 1850.

Dear Sir:

The Mint receipt of 1221 weighed $\text{Oz } 1359 \frac{85}{100}$
before melting and $\text{Oz } 1310 \frac{5}{100}$ afterwards, proving
a loss of 49% more than the worst lot ever
sent and 174% above the average.

Will you allow me to call your attention
to the probability of an error somewhere
which on examination might perhaps be
traced and you will oblige

Yours
respectfully
Bernard Bence

Dr. R. W. Gallison
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Bernard Bence

West. Phil. March 28, 1857.

Gentlemen:

We have received your letter of the 26th inst., and we thank you for your willingness to oblige ~~you~~ us. We have since, however, been supplied with silver from another source, and we find it therefore unnecessary to take advantage of your offer. Your terms, though no doubt just on your part, are higher than have yet been asked of us.

Yours truly,

Dr. J.

Messrs. Ward & Price,
New York.

New York 29th Mar 1850

~~Spencer~~
R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Sir

By Adams & Co Express

we have this day sent to the mint one box said
to contain 375 oz Gold dust also a tin package
said to contain 51 oz - which we wish coined as soon
as practicable - except about 10 oz of the largest & best
specimens which we wish delivered to Messrs Adams & Co
to be returned to us

Respectfully Yours
James Robinson & Co

New York 24th March 1850.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Treasurer

Dear Sir

Please forward,
us Asa's certificate for receipt No 1178.
in our favor if ready in time

Yours Faithfully
Gilbert Prentiss & Tuttle

Philadelphia
Pa

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, Mar 30 1856

J P Snowden Esq.
Trea. U. S. Mint
Sir

We send herewith by
Livingston & Co Six hundred & four ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ money
Silver for coinage - consisting of German money
& guilders - Please return receipt & assay
by bearer -

Respectfully
Yours
Wm. Kelley & Co.

~~Received~~

Received of
Wm. Kelley & Co

the sum of Six hundred & four
money Silver for coinage -

consisting of German money
& guilders -

for coinage -

Received of

Wm. Kelley & Co

the sum of Six hundred & four

money Silver for coinage -

Copy

Dr United States Gullion Account in acc with James Ross Snowden Treasurer of the United States
"for moneys deposited in the Mint by the Treasurer of the United States."

1850

March 30 To Mint of the United States

\$841,150.00

1849

Rec'd By Balance as per acc' rend this day 841,150.00

Mint of the United States
Treasurer Office

March 30, 1850.

Signed Jas Ross Snowden
Treas.

To Robt

The deposits of Cal. gold in 1850, must have accumulated some \$200,000 worth of silver here.

~~Now~~ Now, at a large coinage of pieces so small as the dime & half-dime would soon dissipate the premium, & stock the market, because such pieces are not exported. Would it not be wise & proper for the Mint, with the concurrence of the Secretary, at once to undertake a coinage of some \$50,000?

I think if the state of the case were fully known, the public would censure us for declining this step; at any rate, they will bless us for taking it.

The coins to be exchanged for gold coin.

Edwards Sprague Esq^r New York
March 30th 1850

Dear Sir

Some days ago I sent you through Adams & Co's Express 3rd California gold dust for coinage and in return received from you a receipt dated March 16th 1850 and No 1337 will you be kind enough to inform me by return mail when the gold will be ready for me and also what I may receive from the same. as I should like to know the value thereof so that if I should sell the receipt I may not get deceived; by complying with the above you would confer a favor on me

Truly Yours

E. W. Moore

191 Nassau Street

N.Y. City

E. W. Moore

Dept of the United States
March 30. 1850

Sir, I forward to you herewith, the "Quarterly
Statement" ending the day, exhibiting the
State of the Public and Public monies,
deposited in the Mint, by the Treas of the
United States.

Very respy,

Yrs. servt

James Earl Ross Snowden
Treas

To William Selden Esq
Treas of the United States
Washington
D.C.

No. 45, Phila. Mint. Apr - June 1850

- 4-8-1850, Thompson & Hitchcock, re: Cal. gold dust,
and 5 & 10 dollar coins, mentions discounts
as father in N.Y.
- 4-29-1850, Solomon Andrews, Inventor, Institute,
Passaic, N.J. re: method of making
steel dies from silver, etc. coins.
- 4-29-1850, R.M. Patterson, Director, re: coming of
gold from Cal. in London.
- 5-2-1850, Jas. G. King & Sons, N.Y. re: coming of
Cal. gold in London.
- 6-8-1850, Weeks, Kelly & Co., N.Y., re: Cal. gold &
coins (unspecified)
- 6-26-1850, Ward & Price, Agents for Cal., N.Y., re:
\$190 in coins of Miners Bank of Cal.


5-13-76

(~~Private & Confidential~~)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, ^{Am.} March 27, 1850.

Dear Sir,

When I informed Mr. Longacre, the Engraver of the Mint, - of the determination of the President respecting him, he went, as you know, immediately to Washington, and obtained leave to finish his duty. This extension of time having elapsed, I feel anxious to know whether any decided steps are intended in this important ~~matters~~ matter. If the office is to be vacated, I would propose that the vacancy be not filled, until we can have time to test an experiment, the object of which is to show that the office of Engraver of the Mint has become unnecessary, and even cumbersome, and might properly be abolished by law. Without committing myself to this view, anterior to experiment, allow me to state the grounds on which such experiment is proposed.

From the establishment of the Mint.....

[Same copy from pages 1 & 2, as marked.]
~~before explanation for the President's. of the Mint.~~

Yrs

P. M. P.

Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr

During this vacancy to continue at least till the next Session of Congress.
In the meantime I should engage the assistance of the best artists in
the Country in the execution of a new series of designs sometimes for
use civil, such as medals, & hope, meet ^{your approval} the next year when President Adams
will probably be in recommending, as a final remedy the abolition of the
office. The expense, which would not be considerable, ^{could} ~~might~~ be defrayed from the
existing fund of the mint. B. R. M. P. D.

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

April 1st 1855

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
transmission, & please account for the Quaker Printing Co.
March last.

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

W. L. Smith

1st Auditor

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Fund
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 1, 1850.

Sir,
Gentlemen,

I have received, this morning, your letter of the 28th ult., in which you call my attention to a loss, in a gold deposit, by melting, of 3.6 per cent., which you consider to be so great that you suppose it may be an error. I have examined the books, and I find no mistake there; and moreover I have to state that the loss is not greater than often occurs. The grains of Californian gold are generally accompanied by scales of iron, and sometimes these, together with pieces of quartz, give rise to considerable reduction in deposits when ^{substances} these are removed by melting. In a deposit calder than yours, the loss by melting was to 5.6 per cent.

Very respectfully,

Yours &c.

D. W. Patterson,

Director

Wm. Brewster, Esq.

New York.

Mount Ves.

Phil. April 2, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith a copy of the communication which I mentioned to you as being sent to the Secretary of the Treasury in Jan. last. It has been detained in the hope that I could accompany it with a draft of a bill for the establishment of an Assay Office at San Francisco. This subject, however, has been found to present some difficulties that I had not anticipated, yet I hope to be able to send my views to you, in a few days.

R. W. D.

Gen. J. C. Fremont,

Washington.

{ Letter dated Jan. 10, 1850 }

Washington City, April 30 1850.

Dear Sir,

Your note of yesterday enclosing a copy
of the letter to the Secy. of the Treasury, I have
just received. It has reached me in good time
as I am just recovering from a relapse of Chagas
fever. At it with some ten days or so

before we are admitted your letter on the
subject of an assay office at San Francisco
will reach me in good time to use it in
Congress.

Believe me to accept your
thanks for your kindness to myself and for
the information which will be of material
benefit to California.

I am with regard

Yours truly

J. C. Fremont.

Dr. B. M. Patterson,

San Antonio & Co. Wash.

Chas. H. Kim.

Wentworth, Thos.
April 5, 1858

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 3d inst. We have ^{and consideration} been ~~been~~ had, & ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~sub-~~
ject of the proposed Army Office in San Francisco,
but we gladly take advantage of the further delay
which you think may be admitted, in the hope that before
that time we may have ^{in time} the important advantage of an
interview with Mr. Fremont.

R. M. P.

Wm. J. C. Fremont,
Washington

Washington City, April 27, 1850.

My dear Sir,

Your note of yesterday is just received. I intended the specimens to be destroyed in making the examination. So far as any judgment could be formed from what excavations we had had time to make, I considered the different which specimens which I sent on by Mr. Hunt as representing about what would be the average product. He sent me yesterday some results which appear enormous. I desired him to ask you if you should find it convenient, to ascertain more particularly in what proportion the gold was contained in such fragments of the rock as do not show any. May I hope soon to hear the result?

Very truly yours,
J. C. Fremont.

J. R. M. Patterson,
Philadelphia.

Washington City, May 15. 1850.

My dear Sir,

I was gratified with the receipt of yours of the 10th inst. as it is probable that we shall in a few weeks be able to do something for our state, and I would be glad to have things in the best possible condition for taking most advantage of what little time will remain for our share of business.

I am clearly of opinion that we should adopt the larger of the two plans you propose. It provides for the general accommodation and will be most serviceable to the country.

Please let me hear from

as soon as you may other accretions,
conveniently permit, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
J. B. Fremont.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

U. S. Mint, Philad^a

May 10. 1850

Hon. John C. Fremont

Dear Sir

You are aware that I have been delaying compliance with your request for the framing of an ^{draft of a bill organizing an Assay Office, in California} Assay-Office Bill, in the hope of ^{confering} personally with Dr Farnum, whose judgment and experience would render essential aid. He has not arrived; and I must therefore beg you to give me your views, as a preliminary step, upon the alternative which I have to propose.

Do you, on the one hand, think it best that the proposed Assay-Office should be solely for the accomodation of Custom-house transactions; so that the Collector should first receive the grain-gold, subject to the determination of its value by the Assayer; or, on the other hand, should the Office be constituted upon a larger plan, and for general accomodation, so that the grain-gold should first be carried there, assayed, cast ~~and~~ into bars, and

stamped, and then be receivable at the Custom
House, ^{and} ~~xx~~ for public lands, and perhaps for
debts between individuals?

The two bases here suggested, would
~~differ very widely in the~~ require very different
schemes of legislation, and I do not feel prepared
to proceed upon either, without your advice and
direction.

Very resply
3

Alsat M. Phil. May 2, 1851.

Dear Sir,

Your Specimen of California Gold ore has been
carefully examined, and has led to the following results:

The whole weight of gold in the ore is 34 grains.

It was divided into two parts. One the quartz with visible
gold, and the other quartz without visible gold.

The gold in the first was in the proportion of 459.35 grs.
per lb. of the amalgam.

The gold in the second, ~~when the quartz without stone~~
~~of gold~~, was in the proportion of 3.15 grs. per lb. of ore.

The fineness of the gold was 888.5 thousandths.

Thence it follows that the value of 100 lbs. of ore, (com-
pounded to about a bushel in volume,) is ~~\$1755~~ of the first por-
tion, or \$1755.

And the value of 100 lbs. of the second part is \$12.11.

R. M. P.

Wm. J. C. Fremont.

MENT of Deposites and Coinage at the Mint of the United States and Branches in the

DEPOSITES.

nts.	Gold.				TOTAL.	Foreign Coins.	Foreign Bullion.
	U. S. Coins, Old Standard.	Foreign Coins.	U. S. Bullion.	Foreign Bullion.			
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Jan 1	190	33,378.77	75,275.20	2025			
V. C. Apr	6,513	319,963	127,273	23,551			
May	6,066	494,399	153,206	16,041			
June	6,431	448,102	724,829	17,984			
Geo. July	357	579,159	292,334	34,148			
Aug.	660	976,286	466,191	8,542			
us, Sept	70	329,556	609,171	11,631			
Oct	580	390,755	781,229	11,535			
Nov.	1,121	706,266	730,351	16,259			
Dec	748	54,223	1,636,791	32,038			
Jan		110,654	991,657	11,171			
Feb.		126,359	1,996,215	10,458			
6 mo ending		36,116	1,260,149	9,057			
	22,746	4,263,498	9,922,451	209,070	14,181,615		

{ 9,728,324 C. & S.
 194,127 A. S. B.
 9,922,451 U. S. B.

COINAGE

Phil. Apr. 2, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have to give for having put me the bill "to regulate the value of certain foreign coins, within the U. S., and to provide for the coinage of double silver pieces".

I do greatly regret that the Span. $\frac{1}{2}$ the 8ths & 16ths of a dollar sh^d. be estab^d by act of C. as legal tender, even at a reduced valuation. Now do I believe that the object of the proposed bill is to be gained. These coins, tho' known to be reduced, are fairly rated at their nominal value; and I do not see how this custom will be changed by the proposed act, since there is no penalty presented. On the other hand these coins, tho' reduced below the proposed valuation, cannot be refused in payment.

I must also object to the proposed coinage of a double dime; because it is not needed; - because it will increase the complication of our coinage; - and because it w^d. be confounded with the $\frac{1}{2}$ doll, to which it w^d. be nearly equal in size.

I have signed the statement for which you asked. It can't be completed till now because the exact value of the deposit to the 20 ult^s was not determined. This continued has caused my delay in writing.

Rm. P. W.

Wm. J. P. Sherman
A. B.
Washington

The deposits of gold at the U. S. Mint from the 20 March 1849 to the 20 March 1850 were as follows:

U. S. coins of old standards
Foreign coins

Foreign Bullion

U. S. Bullion, viz California

other States

\$9,728,324 }
194,127 }

Total

\$22,746

4,029,348

207,070

9,922,451

\$14,181,615

We have no means of ascertaining the part of population (that gold); but the greater part has undoubtedly been received at New York.

Washington, April 3, 1850

Dear Sir

I have to thank you for yours of 27th ult. advising of the proceeds of my ~~redemption~~ of gold dust, and asking whether it shall be paid to Messrs Adams & Co. for transmission to me. My first intention was - upon receiving such certificate from the Mint or ~~the~~ evidence that the money was to my credit there as would enable me to draw it here - to do so - but as I suppose the receipt usually given upon delivery of the dust, is still in the hands of Messrs Adams, & that they can thereupon receive the money, I have to request that it may be accordingly sent thro' them.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully Yours,

W C Choate

R. M. Patterson Esq -

Minister of the United States
Philadelphia, April 3d, 1850.

Sir,

Accordingly to provisions in the
acts of Congress of June 28, 1834, and
March 3, 1843, I have to report to you the
fineness of certain foreign gold and silver
coins, made current in this country by law.

Gold Coins.

The Gold coins of Great Britain, ^{the gold coins of this country} maintain
whose legal fineness is 22 carats, or $916\frac{2}{3}$ thousandths, maintain
an average fineness of $915\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths.

France, ~~899 thousandths~~, ^{the} legal fineness is
 $900\frac{1}{2}$, ^{the} actual average, 899 thousandths.

Portugal, No Dates later than 1838 have
been received; ^{the} actual assay of that date, ^{as assayed} 912
thousandths.

Brazil, ^{dates up to} as late as 1838, ^{showed a fineness of} 915 thousandths,
actual fineness.

Mexico, ^{the} legal rate, 21 carats or 875 thousandths;
^{the} average ^{now is} about 866 thousandths.

In respect to the ~~gold coins of the two~~ ^{gold coins of the two}
other nations, Spain and Colombia, the former
has recently undergone an entire change of standard,
which takes it out of the terms of the act of
Congress; the assay of a single piece, of a doblon
of 100 reals, showing $898\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths, while the
latter country may be said to have no existence,
having long since been divided into the three

independent republics of New Granada, ~~Venezuela~~
Ecuador, and Venezuela. The dollar coins of
New Granada have also ^{recently} undergone a change of
legal rate, which renders our law in respect
to them, inoperative or obsolete; the professed
fineness being 900, and the actual ~~about~~
894 thousandths. The gold coins of Ecuador,
(1836 latest date assayed,) are 844 thousandths.
No gold is coined in Venezuela, so far
as is known here.

Silver Coins.

Mexico. The average fineness of recent coinage
is 899 thousandths; the professed rate being "10 D.
20 G." or $902\frac{3}{4}$ thousandths; and the legalizing
limit in our law, ^{"not less than"} 897 thousandths.

Peru, Chili, and Bolivia, with some variations,
maintain, on the average, a fineness not inferior
to the Mexican, as above stated. It must be
noted, however, that within the past twenty years
there was ~~an~~ a debasement of the half and quarter
dollars of Peru and Bolivia, reducing them to
25 per cent. below their professed value. It is not
known whether this system is kept up to the
present day.

Central America. Dollars of 1847 have been
found to vary from 820 to 880 thousandths; and
at the best, they have forfeited the right to a place
in our multifarious currency. The real, or eighth of
a dollar, issued in 1846, varies from 550 to 637

thousandths. It may be considered as a revolutionary
token.

France. The fineness is equal to the
limit of our law, 900 thousandths, and is gen-
erally reported ^{by us} one thousandth higher, on ac-
count of the habitual intermixture of old
pieces, in deposits.

Brazil. The practice of restamping Spanish
dollars is discontinued, so that the silver coins
~~do~~ no longer come within the ^{limit} purview of this
report.

The foregoing are all the varieties of
gold and silver coin made current in the
United States by law. ~~It is much to be desired,~~
that ~~It is much to be desired~~ that the statutes
in relation to them should be revised. ~~It~~ The
changes in monetary systems, and in our foreign trade,
have brought us to the absurdity ^{mistake} of legalizing
some coins, ^{such} as the gold coins of Portugal and Brazil,
which are ^{scarcely} hardly to be obtained even as curiosities;
while certain other pieces, which happen to bear
an exact and ~~very~~ convenient relation to our moneys,
such as the ten-guilders of Netherlands, worth just
four dollars, and the double-Friedrich of Prussia,
worth just eight dollars, both of them frequently
to be seen amongst us, are not countenanced. ~~And~~
~~It still better change~~ ^{Probably the best course to be pursued would be} ~~the entire~~
repeal, ~~of without substitution~~, of the laws in
question, so that we might no longer maintain the
^{strange} position of legalizing a currency, manufactured
in foreign parts, over which we have no control; while

at the same time ~~in~~ ^{to} ~~in the possession and~~
^{support} ~~maintain~~ a mint-force equal to all the exigencies
of the country. —

P. M. Patterson,
Director U. S. Mint.

To
Hon. Com. W. Woodhull,
Secretary of the Treasury.

3 April 1852

Sec. of Treasury

Pittsburgh April 4th 1850

Sirs

I have rec'd information from my husband
W. Edward Smith that he has remitted a certain
quantity of Sealers Dredg amounting to two thousand
Dollars and upwards from Mormon Island California
if you have any knowledge of the same you
will oblige me by writing as I am
anxious being as long time since he wrote
namely November -

Yours Respectfully W. E. Smith

Direct No 4 St Clair St. Pittsburgh

No such deposit in Feb. or Mar.

Dear

Sir. I here ^{with} transmit to you what I believe to be a valuable Mineral which I have found on my farm in Dordridge Co. Va. and as I have been recommended to you as a gentleman of extensive knowledge of such things I last thought I would send you a specimen of the ore or dust for I wash it out as same as they do the good dust it is contained in a kind of soft blue spongy stone if it is ground or broken or crushed with any thing whatsoever I want you to time it analysed and send me the result of your Discoveries at Draft of Henry & Dutton Pennsboro post office Dordridge Co. Va. You will confer a very great favour on your much obliged friend
this 4 day of April 1850

Henry & Dutton

Received of
Henry & Dutton
the sum of \$1.00
for the above
specimen of ore
April 1850

New York 4th April 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director U.S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir:

Our Mr. Rosman on Price became the proprietor some time in August last of the Port of Lading of some 1200. oz of California Gold dust shipped from San Francisco to the U.S. by Commodore Thos. Ap. Catesby Jones on board the U.S. Ship of War Tall in Capt. Purser Buchanan - by him deposited in your institution for storage.

Against this Mr. Price drew on the mint for some \$20 or \$21. In having a balance in his favor as shown by the Apayee's Certificate which was subsequently used in San Francisco.

This certificate perished in the flames of the steamer Orville D. Howe in the Alabama River in the 5th ulto and we should feel grateful if you would apprise us what amt still remains at credit of the above parcel of gold thus assigned to Mr. Price.

apologizing for our constant in-
trusions upon your time & attention we remain

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Ward Price

21,492.66

21,000.00 paid

Payable
Mail & Postage
Paid & Boston April 11. 1850

To the Secy. of
the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir Philadelphia

Will you do me the favor to in-
form me when the following
certificates will probably be in
turn for Payment, & much

Obliged Opp^s Resps,

Howard, Son & Co

1 Feb	18th	n ^o 861	\$3 $\frac{85}{100}$	on acc ^t
1 "	"	" 862	269 $\frac{20}{100}$	do
1 "	"	" 863	156 $\frac{40}{100}$	do
1 "	"	next mail		

We are also enquire whether our Refor-
it of Gold Cert about 10th March will
probly require as much time for Payment
as the above - say 4 weeks to 2 m^o?

\$ 1,500.00

Mechanics & Trade Bank

Dr Sir

New York April 4th 1850

This Institution holds a Cert. Act
757 dated Febry 14th 1850 issued in the name of
Adelsdorfer & Neustadter Dps 125⁰⁰ and it
is important to us to know the amt of proceeds of
this deposit, if convenient for you to do so,
you will much oblige us with the information

Edw. Sprague Esq
U. States Mint Office
Philada.

Respectfully

Yours

C. S. Brown
Ct

Invoice of one Box Gold Dust sent to the Mint
for Coinage, by J. S. Robbins & Son - New York April 8. 1850

1 parcel -	B. Salter Jr.	33. 5			
1 "	Wilson & Hunt	31. 1. 6			
1 "	Saml B. Nicoll	100. 7. 21			
1 "	E. Rogers	73. 7. 3			
1 "	J. R. Whitcomb	265. 13. 21			
1 "	J. R. Whiting -	125. 0. 0			
1 "	C. H. Canoll & Co	48. 0. 0			
1 "	do	46. 0. 0			
1 "	E. J. Ritchie	17. 7. 9			
1 "	J. S. Robbins & Son	312. 10. 0			
2 "		1553 13 12		24/60 1/2	
				31	
				14	

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
23 WALL STREET

New York, April 6th 1850

R. M. Patterson Esqr.
Director of the Mint
Phil.

Dr Sir.

We enclose an invoice
of one Box Gold Dust, which we forward today
by Express, for carriage Yours Respectfully

G. S. Robbins & Son
per A. Robbins

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, April 6 1850

L R Snowden Esq
Sanct U S Mint

We send you this day by Living-
ton & Co. Express 359 ²⁵/₁₀₀ ounces California Gold
for coinage. Please return assay & receipt

Respectfully
Weeks Kelley & Co.
By E. Stephens

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street. (Journey Court) New York, April 5 1850

L R Snowden Esq
Treas US Mint

Dear Sir

We send you this day by Livingston
46 express 187 7/8 ounces California Gold for coinage
please return weight & assay as usual

Respectfully
Wm Kelley & Co.
By E. Stephens

Minut of the United States
Philadelphia, April 8, 1850.

Sir,

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1. de Sept

In consequence of representations made by me, in a letter of 10 Decr last, the President consented that the number of Clerks for the Treasurer, in the Mint, should be increased instead to its original number of three; and reduction to two clerks having been made early in the year 1848. I should think had accordingly been appointed by me, and had entered upon his duties.

I have now to request that another clerk be allotted to the Treasurer.

Our experience proves, however, that the clerical force is still insufficient, and I have now to request the President consent to the appointment of one other clerk to the Treasurer. In support of this request I beg leave to present the following statement showing the number of deposits in the years 1847, 1848, & 1849, ^{the deposits of 1849} first quarter of 1850 the present year. ~~They show a statement, which indeed only~~ ~~partially exhibit the amount of business transacted in the office~~ ~~but which is a fair estimate of the number of the rate of our~~ ~~office business now estimated by the number of deposits, is nearly five~~ ~~times as great as it was in 1847, nearly six times~~ ~~that of 1848, and double that of 1849; viz.~~ ~~more than~~ ~~double~~ ~~that of 1848, and double that of 1849; viz.~~

Deposits of Gold & Silver in 1847	1302
do 1848	1102
do 1849	2989
do 1st qtr 1850... ¹⁸⁴⁹ 4492 or rate per year	6336

In the letter of 10 Decr. above referred to I also entered into some statements showing the peculiarly intricate calculations

1847 1302
1848 1102
1849 2989
1850 4492

required in ascertaining the value of Cuba gold. We estimate the
time required for ^{this purpose} ~~the same amount~~ for a particular
^{part for} one of foreign coins; whence it is evident that the more increased
in our deposits ^{longer it is affected no certain} is no measure of the convenience of Office business. The
fact the process of publication regarding the and preparing the statements
thereof requires ~~that it be done by a clerk who has been so employed~~
that they ~~shall be done by a clerk who has been so employed~~ shall be done by a clerk who has been so employed
for the purpose. *

I trust that the facts ^{now} shortly presented will suffice to con-
vict the necessity and ~~condemnation~~ ^{condemnation} of an additional clerk.
In anticipation of the President's consent, I beg to propose
for the place, Mr. J. Cingle Regent of this city. This gentleman
is, no doubt, personally known to you. ~~He has been long engaged~~
~~in business in this city~~ He is a skillful and experienced accountant,
and is held in high & just estimation by our community.

Respectfully propose that if a clerk be appointed
he be allowed the same salary as those now engaged in
the Mills, - namely \$1200.

Rec of Henry

On present clerks are ^{very efficient} intelligent and attentive, and have given much more of their time to the work of the Court than ^{it is fair to} we have a right to expect of them. They have indeed had the advantage of voluntary assistance from individuals not engaged in the Court. With every exertion, however, they have only been able to keep up with the current routine of the ^{Court} Court. The preparation of our ^{Budget} accounts for the Department is therefore unavoidably delayed, and we can without some further assistance say we cannot anticipate ^{immediate} their completion for many months with any certainty of time for their completion.

New York, 8 April 1850.

Orbi

Will you please cause us to be informed, what is the average net return, from the Mint, upon Gold Dust (California) taking the gross weight as received at the Mint.

Also, the average value of California
5 and 10 dollar pieces. We have lately received
a consignment of both, the former of which, we sold
at \$17 ^{cts} and the latter at 2% discount.

At we expect in future, to receive some
by every steamer, we wish to know its average value,
to be governed in our disposition of it.

Please inform us how long after receipt at the Mint, returns are now made -

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Thompson & Hitchcock
by Pearl H.

To the Director
of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia 66

P.S. We have been informed that a book has been issued from the Mint, on the subject, Balloons, coming to
Please inform us how and at what cost we can
obtain a copy. J. H.

New York April 8th 1850

To the Director of the
United States Mint
Philad^a

We send you by Messrs
Harraden & Co. express a Box containing 10 sealed
Leather Bags each 221 ounces 17 1/2 penny weight
(or for Britain) Gold Dust Please return certificates
for each package.

Very Respectfully
Yours etc etc
James S. Johnson

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncy Court) New-York, April 8 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Dear Sir

Sir

We send you this day
by Livingston & Co express 294.⁵⁰ ¹⁰⁰ ounces Cal.
Gold for coinage. Please return receipt as
usual

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By E. Stephens

UNION BANK OF MARYLAND,

Baltimore, 8 April 1850

Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the
Mint Philada

Dear Sir I send by this evening's Adams
Express 1 small Box Good Dutch 83 lb. 6.
in which please forward Mint Rec^t &
memo. as early as you can

Very respy
Yours &c
R. Little

New York, April 8th 1850

To the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir,

You would oblige us very much by sending of
our Certificate N. 757. In expectation of our
request we remain

yours, respectfully

Adelsdorfer & Baustodter
415 1/2 grand St.

And that has been sent to Messrs. & Inden Bank N. York. Value \$2195.75

Minister of the United States
Philad. April 8. 1850

Sir, I have the honor to send you the
accounts of Copper Coinage for the
quarter ending March 30. 1850 which
I hope you may find to be correct.

Very respy
Yr obedt servt

Wm J. Smith
First Auditor of the Treas'y
Washington
D.C.

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
April 9th 1850

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter relative to the Auditor General's Office

Respectfully,

Yours obt. servt

D. J. Smith

1st Auditor

To

James Ross Gordon Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, April 9 1850

J R Snowden Esq,

Treas US Mint

Dear Sir

We send you this day by
Livingston & Co. Express 167 7/8 ounces California
Gold for coinage. Please return receipt & assay at
usual

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By Estephens

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

BETWEEN

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington.

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern, and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

To the Telegraphing Public.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; pay well; and be sure, except dates, they cost none; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to insure prompt delivery; also your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is for your safety as well as our convenience.

Office in BALTIMORE.....No. 2 Merchants' Exchange, South Gay-st.
" WASHINGTON.....Cor. of Louisiana Avenue and Sixth-st.
" PHILADELPHIA.....Galaxy Granite Building, No. 101 Chestnut-st.
" NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover-street, cor. of Beaver-st.

By Telegraph, dated *Alexandria* 1850.

Rec'd, Philadelphia, *Apr 7* 1850 o'clock, min. c. 16.

To *J. B. Truitt Esq*
Cashier.

Stop the payment at
the mint until I can
get Mr Stanley's receipt
I have not the receipts
asked for by the mint

John Norff
Cashier
23/69

Washington City, D.C.
April 9, 1850,

Dear Sir,

The Post Office Committee of the House have under consideration the proposition to reduce the rates of postage to two or three cents, instead of the present rates, and a material obstacle in the way of said reduction, arises from the want of a suitable coin to be used in those states where copper does not circulate. I have heard that a coin of two or three cents value, has been prepared at the Mint, which is well adapted to the purpose referred to, and if so, the fact will go far to remove a very important objection to the contemplated reform. My object in writing is to ascertain whether a specimen of such coin has been made, and if so, to procure for exhibition to the

Some Committee of which I am a member,
a piece of each denomination - the two and
three cent specimens. Will you be kind
enough to oblige me.

Very respectfully,

Yours Vt. Servt.,

R. H. Stanton

Wm. M. Patterson, Esq.,

Treasurer of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

I send you Mr. Boff's letter - If the
£24 has not been paid please stop payment
of it as the money belongs to Mr. Atrop
he having paid Lieut Stanley for the
same - If it has been paid please
inform me when & to whom - with the
instruments or the receipt I must oblige

Yrs Lark

Yours truly

Jos Green

Thos BL

10/6/64

Yrs & mends

738
124
674-
1084

Dr R. M. Patterson.

Baltimore April 10 - 1850.

Dear Sir,

Will you be good
enough to let me know, whether, James
A. Williams Esq, has any money, or gold dust, deposited
in the Mint at Philadelphia at this time to his
credit - or whether he ever did deposit
any money or gold dust in the Mint,
Subsequent to the 1st of November 1849, &
if so, when he received it, if he has received it at all.

I desire this information, in consequence
of the unfortunate end of my brother, Mr
James A. Williams Esq, Harford County, who shot
himself on Thursday morning last. His
~~adjoining~~ the manner he died, left his
affairs in a very unsettled state. He had
for some time past been deranged at
times, but left no memoranda to
account for the act at the time
he committed it - Your attention
to this will much oblige, Very Respectfully

Yours at Servt
J. Hampden Williams

Direct to me at
Baltimore City. No 86. Mulberry St

as early as convenient -

My brother left California on the 1st November 1849.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street. (Jauncey Court) New York, April 11 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Dear as usual

Sir

We send you this day
by Livingston & Co^s express 183 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ ounces Californ
nia Gold for coinage. Please return with
it as usual

Respectfully

Wm. Kelley & Co.

By E. Stephens

We have sent another lot today
which please keep apart from this.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street (Jauncey Court) New York, April 11 1850

Dr Snowden Esq.
Treas US Mint

Dear Sir

You have by Livingston
No^o 44 ship 323.²/₁₀₀ ounces California Gold
for coinage which please keep apart from
any other lot of ours & forward receipt
& assay as soon as convenient.

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co
By Ed Stephens

Post Office

Baltimore April 11th 1850

Sir,

I this day send by Adams, b.
express 1 bag Spanish Silver coin to be
converted into halves or whole Dollars.

Please acknowledge the
receipt of the same and oblige

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servant

Sup: A. S. Brown
Phil^a

Wm. Samuel DeLoe

New Haven, Apr 11, 1850

Worthy Sir

On my arrival at New York
I learned that Dr Thomas Wells the gentleman who
was to receive the value of the Gold Dust which I
deposited at the Irish Store 30, had passed to another
State. Therefore I shall have to countermand the
directions which I left with you, and the value, ascer-
tained sent to me, No. 65 Congress Avenue, New Haven
Conn. and Obd. your Serv

Geo Downing

to C. D. Sprague Esq

No 1486

U. S. Mint April 11. 1850

Dear Sir

In compliance with the request in yours of the 9th, just received, I enclose some specimens of a three-cent coin, of which a small number have been lately struck. The preparation of them, as also of a bill authorizing their issue, was made at the instance of Mr Dickinson of the Senate, and Messrs Duer and Phoenix of the House; each of whom has a copy of the bill with the reasons therefor ^{at large}. I may state in brief, that the bill project, ^{doth} provide for a calling in of all the Spanish, ^{small} coins, amongst ~~and other foreign silver coins~~ circulating amongst us, and paying for them, at their current value, in these three-cent pieces. The nominal value ^{of the piece} therefore is slightly over the intrinsic, the proportion of silver being three-fourths, instead of nine-tenths, as in our other coin. It will however maintain a good colour, and I think is not inconveniently small. ^{though but cent & cent pieces, of the same standard, weight & so.} The recoinage will undoubtedly afford material enough for an abundant supply of the new denomination.

Very respectfully
Yours

Dear Sir .

Will you do me the
favor, to inform me, if there was
received at the Mint, during the
month of January or February
one hundred dollars worth of Gold
sent for Mrs R. W. Morrison, &
Mr. Morrison writes from California,
that he sent it by a friend, who
would forward the Certificate
to Mrs. Morrison at this place.
If you find the name, on your books,
please inform us at your first leisure,
if the Certificate has been sent, and
graciously oblige

Yours respectfully

Edw. Maynard
Washington D.C.
April 12th 50

Chas. M. Morris

* No such deposits in Jan Feb. or Mar.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
April 12 1859.

Sir Your account of Gold and Silver Bullion
for the 4 quarters of 1859, has been audited at the
Treasury, and a balance of \$ 3,138,756.²² stated
to be due from you to the United States, — which
consists of Gold Bullion \$ 147,952.581 \$ 2,752,656.85
Silver Bullion " " 180,734.952 " 210,308.85
Gold Coinage including \$ 6,634.00 assay charge 144,410.45
Silver " " 102.05 " " 11,430.57
\$ 3,138,756.²²

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whistler
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the
Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

New York 12th Oct 1850

Mr. Wm. Patterson Esq.

Sir,

Is it possible to make some arrangement, to satisfy the public in relation to cutting off the monetary would you advise the passage of a joint Resolution to make them accountable for duties and other debts due the United States?

I shall depart for Washington this afternoon and be there on Saturday evening — I should be gratified if I could have your views on this subject on Sunday.

Respectfully Yours
P. Milledge Moore

Treasury Department
April 13. 1820

Sir

I am required to purchase for the
use of the Secretary's office - a copying press - and being desirous
of procuring one of the most approved construction, I take
the liberty of consulting you on the subject. Will you have
the goodness to let me know whether such an one can be
procured in Philad^a. and at what price.

I trust you will pardon me for giving you so much
trouble - but I know no one in Philad^a. on whose opinion, from
your general knowledge of such subjects, I could so safely rely.

Very Respectfully
D. M. Kearney -

D. R. M. Patterson -

Please direct to me under cover to the Secretary.

Strong Yard New York
April 13 1850

Sir,

I hold a certificate (N^o 1650) of deposit
for (1000) One thousand ounces of Gold Bullion
in the Mint at Philadelphia

As soon as the value is ascertained and
the Bullion coined, I will thank you to for-
ward to me at this place the necessary papers
to enable me to get the money

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt^t
Edmund T. Deane

Robert A. Patterson Esq^r
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mem. Sent re Apr. 50/
Not yet reported.

Treasury Department
April 13. 1850.

Sir

Your letter of the 8th instant
urging the appointment of an additional clerk to
the Treasurer of the Mint was duly received and
submitted to the President. Taking into consideration
the very recent increase in the number of Clerks
the President declines, for the present, authorizing the
appointment asked for.

I am very Resp^l

W M Meredith
Sec of the Treasury.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Minist of the U. States,
Philad^a, April 13. 1850.

Dear Sir, Your letter to one of my Clerks has
been rec^d. Your deposit No. 326, was paid
yesterday to the Philad^a Bank, on my direction
that the paper there presented was sufficient.

I deem it proper to remark that a
deposit was made on the 5th of September last
by Hon. Geo^d Stanley No. 1122 value of \$2528⁰⁰
which remained unpaid, it never having been called
for. This amount is payable at any time, and
I would be glad if the Mint Receipt therefor was
presented and the amount paid.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt^d Serv^t.

(signed) J. M. Ross Snowden
Treas.

Lieut. Geo^d Stanley,
U. S. Navy.

3 Front St. New York
April 13th 1850 =

Ed. Sprague Esq
Sir,

Mr. Plummer departed
for me at the Mint on Monday last 10000
by Gold dust - In which I was quite anxious
to get the returns to send to California
by the steamer on Monday, he informed
me you would probably send them in
3 to 5 days, - Now I do not wish to be regarded
as pressing the matter beyond its usual
course, but if you could give me the
value of it, either by letter or telegraph,
so that I could forward the same to my
correspondent on Monday, you would confer
a particular favor, and one that I
should be under many obligations for -

Respectfully Yours
Wm. B. Luf-
Saml. Perry

1869 at any time

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia,

April 15, 1850.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request made
in your letter of the 10th inst., a careful exami-
nation has been made in the appropriate books
of the Mint, and no deposit is found, from ~~March~~^{Jan.}
to March, inclusive, in the name of James A. Williams.
The only deposit that may possibly have a bear-
ing upon the case, is one by Mrs. R. Stone, for
Mrs. P. Williams, March 11th, from Baltimore.

R. W. P.

Per

J. Sampson Williams, Esq.
Baltimore.

NOTICE.

PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE,

April 15, 1850.

Box-holders are respectfully notified that on and after the first day of May next all "Accounts" will be discontinued, and cash payments required on delivery of letters from the Boxes.

The increased size of the Mails, and the great delay consequent upon charging the letters, render this change necessary.

Under the system now proposed, letters will be ready for delivery thirty minutes after the arrival of any mail; whereas, under the present system, nearly two hours are consumed in charging the letters. This circumstance alone is thought to be conclusive in favor of the change.

The cash system is in successful operation in the city of New York, and will, I am assured, meet the approbation of a large majority of Box-holders here.

WILLIAM J. P. WHITE,

Post Master.

Pie^{ce} 15th April 1830

James, R. Townsend Esq
Sir

The bearer Lionel
Brough Esq is a director of the
Mint of Guanajuato in Mexico
and desirous to see the United
States Mint and Machinery —

Mr Brough brings a highly
respectable introduction, and we shall
be much obliged if you will favor
him with one great object of his
visit an examination of your
apparatus. —

Very Respectfully
Yours truly
Gaut, Stone

R. M. Tallyson Esq

b/s

I wrote you a hasty note from New York
in relation to the subject matter of the ~~amended~~ ^{unrepealed} joint Resolution - which
I enclose for your examination - Will you do me the favor to return it
by the return mail amended, as you may deem advisable to answer
the intended purpose?

Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. Garrison

N. Y. 4/18/52.

Was the mint now paying coin for bullion at 1/2 p cent - check 117. See 16/1/52.
- What changes have been made in the law since the passage of this act?

Next Resolution

Resolved, That it shall be ^{the duty of the} ~~and may be~~ ^{and may be} ~~authorized~~ ^{authorized} for the Treasurer
and Assistant Treasurer of the United States, under the direction of the Comptroller of
the Treasury - to receive in payment for all ^{debts} ~~debts~~ ^{and} that may become
due to the U States - the Certificates issued by proper authority for coin
or Bullion that may have been deposited for the purpose of coinage
in the mint or Branch mints of the United States

This is apology for giving you so much trouble on the subject.

New York April 15th 1858.

To the Treasurer of
United States Mint
Phil^a.

On the 18th March last I
received from your department a mint receipt N^o 1367
for one hundred seventy one ¹⁷/₁₀₀ pieces of California gold
received from Hooper, Hawkins & Co. May I request of
you the favor to forward the certificate of the assay of such
deposit which up to this time has not been received.
I am anxious to know the value of the gold deposited as
it was selected with great care from a large quantity with
the expectation of realizing more than an average return.
With much respect.

J. D. Hawkins.

Hooper, Hawkins & Co.

My address is care

Lombard & Puttick
New York

Goston April 16th 1850
To the Treas of the U States mint at
Philadelphia

Sir

I have rec^d a Mint receipt
of 317 3/4 oz of gold dust dated the 10th
inst No 1729 This gold was forwarded by
my agent at San Francisco by Adams & Co.
Express at 312 oz 10 dwt But by your return
it falls short a trifle over 5 oz. The dust
came in a tin can and I presumed from what
I have previously rec^d was perfectly solid.

It has been in the custody of
Adams & Co. since it left San Francisco until it
arrived at the Mint

I write to enquire if you can give
me any information in regard to it
I presume the quantity was upon the can or
a mem^o inside, and the person who took
the weight would be likely to notice the
discrepancy and if there had been any appear-
ance of any portion having been extracted

You will oblige by replying to this
and give me any information you
may have in regard to it

Respectfully

A. G. Pick

There had been a breakage & leakage of
which Adams & Co of Boston have been advised
who can give Mr. Peck all the information in
regard to the matter.

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Dr Sir

on the 3 day of April
I deposited with you $246\frac{3}{4}$ ^{two} some gold dust, and
have received the assays receipts for the same, may
I trouble you to inform me at what time
I can receive the coin for the same

Respectfully Yours &c
W. S. English

West Point NY
April 18/50

Six weeks from date
of receipt.

Newark N.J. June 16th 1850
To the Treasurer of the United States Mail
Sir,

you will please send me the copy of the deposit of Gold
just made by A.M. Canfield as per Receipt dated April
19 (No 1616) Six hundred and Eleven 7/10 ounces and oblige

Yours Respectfully

A.M. Canfield
M

April 16 1850. Baltimore City.

J. H. M. Patterson,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst., in
reply to mine of the 10th, was duly received.

I have searched the directory and made enquiries
for Mr. J. H. Stone, and can hear of no such person
in Baltimore. My Brother's wife is named Ruth
Williams, and I believe from circumstances which
have come to my knowledge, that he either left
the money there under a feigned name, or had
procured some one to do it for him. His wife
professed to know nothing of his having done so - I have
his Daguerotype, by which perhaps the person who
made the deposit may be recognised. I shall at
once take out letters of administration upon his
estate, and thoroughly investigate the matter,
and until then I desire that you will not pay
over the money to any one, unless authorised by
being legally authorised to do so. ^{notice to me, who am to administer the estate}
The County of **Pr** to receive it, as I am satisfied
it is his money, and I am afraid, if some one else
(said J. H. Stone) hearing of his sudden death may
endeavour to recover it. I shall continue my search
by every means in my power, for Mr. Stone - I shall
be obliged to go to Harford County to administer
on his estate ^{in my office} ^{which will take some days}, and then you shall
hear from me - He had gold dust when he

left California I know, and what became
of it no one knows, as far as I have yet been
able to learn.

Can you tell me who Mr. J. H. Stone is, and
where from?

Please let me know the amount deposited
to the credit of Mr. R. Williams, as it may aid
me in my investigations about it, But do not
pay over the money to any one, except an administrator
as I am sure I can prove the money to have been
his - And Adieu

Very Truly Yours
J. H. Williams

When you let me know the amount
of the deposit, I shall be able with the
data I have, to tell whether it is his
money & then I will come to Philadelphia
and see you & explain the matter to
you, as I or any one else to receive
said money would have to take
out letters of administration in Pa.

I am sorry to trouble you so much
but, the whole circumstances of my brother's
death are so distressing & require such a
thorough examination, that they must

be my excuse. I wish particularly
that no one professing to be Mr. Stone
receive this money without my being
first notified - In this matter I am
acting by the advice of Charles
H. Pitts Esquire Atty at Law of Balt
who advised to desire you not to pay
this money to any one, until we are
first advised of the fact, as we
are satisfied it is his money.

Respectfully

J. H. W.

Mint of the U. S.
Philad^a April 16, 1850.

Sir, I have the honor to transmit to you
the enclosed letter from the Clerk of the Supreme
Court of the U. S. and to respectfully ask
your instructions relation to the payment
of the costs therein mentioned. I could pay
it from the ordinary fund of the Mint, but as
there is a claim for a large amount of
taxes, including involved in the same question,
I have deemed it proper to refer the whole
subject to your consideration.

With the highest respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obedt^l Serv^t

signed J. P. Snowden
J. P. Snowden
Treas

Hon. Wm. Meredith
Secy of the Treasury
Washington

Supreme Court of the United States
December Term, 1859. - No 11.

James R. Moore, Treasurer of the Mint of the United States

To William Thor. Carroll,

Clerk of Sup. Ct. U.S. Dr

For your Costs on a writ of Error to the Supreme Court of
Pennsylvania, taken by you against the County of Phila-

delphia

\$ 23.58 1/2

\$ 23.58 1/2 Fee Book D, 15.

List, Wm Thor. Carroll,

Clerk Sup. Ct. U.S.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to ask your attention to the above fee bill
against the Treasurer of the Mint at Philade - and to request
that you will be so good as to remit the amount (\$23.58 1/2) per
mail by a check or draft payable to the order of

Very respectfully

Yr. ob. serv

Wm Thor. Carroll,

Washington. 11 April 1850

James R. Moore, Esq

Treasurer U.S. Mint.

Philade.

Boston 16 April 1850.

Sir,

I have deposited at the Mint for my
account two parcels of Gold. To wit

Refining S. 2499. date Dec 28. 1849. Gr. 56 3
537. & July 9. 1850. 153 2 3

The last was in three parcels in each of which
I was indispensible that I sh^d receive separate
receipts. I presume the Certificates of assays
have been issued, but I have been unable
to obtain them or ascertain where they
can be found. If it will not give too
much trouble or interfere with your rule,
I sh^d be pleased to receive duplicates.

With respect

Yr Obedt^y

L. Standwood

R. M. Patterson Esq
Philad^a

New York April 17/50

Treasurer
of U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I have
your receipt no 1792. for package of
gold sent on to you to be coined amounting
to 20 ³⁰/₁₀₀ on for which I wish you
would send on to me an op of the
net value as soon as it can
be ascertained.

Yours obt Servt

A. J. Fanning
63 Liberty St

Boston, April 17th 50.

Invoice of Silver for the U. S. Mint

I Bag of Mining Silver. oz dwt
To be returned 1000. in dimes, the remainder in
1/2 dimes. 1747. 8.
For the Treasurer's Bank.

J. W. Fennell & Co.
72 State Street

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, April 17 1850

J R Snowden Esq
Treasury Mint

Dear Sir

We send you this day by Livingston
No. 1 express for coinage 191 ounces No. 1 for coinage -
California Gold. Please keep apart from any
other lot and forward receipt as usual.

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By Estephens

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Truancy Court) New York, April 17 1850

L R Snowden Esq
New Old Bank

Advs

We send you this day
by Livingston & Co express 100 ounces California
Gold for coinage which please keep a
part from any other lot we may send you
than forward receipt & assay as usual

Respectfully
Wm. Kelley & Co.
By Estephens

W. M. Patterson Esq

London E.C. 4. 8/11

I feel it my duty to apologize to you, for
my letter to you recently on the subject of a Trust Resolution for the
accommodation of the Expenditure of the Trust. The fact is, I
could not conveniently seek up the several laws governing the Trust
trust. I found it necessary to call at the Treasury Department, and
was there furnished with all the information required for the present
occasion.

Respectfully Dear

Yours Truly, W. M. Patterson

No. 10, St. John's St.

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SECOND FLOOR

Philadelphia, BACK ROOM

Grand Locomotive received at this office
at 10 o'clock minutes 11 Apr 18 1850
Ed Sprague
W S Morris

Please send me what is the
value of receipt no one
thousand five hundred & ten
the deposit was made Apr 3rd

John S Davis

Mount of the M. S.
Philad^a April 18, 1850.

Sir, I have yr. letter of the 16. inst.
The cans containing the gold were broken
and it was quite evident some of the gold
has leaked out, when they were brought
to the Mine by Adams & Co.
Mr. Newell, their Agent has informed me
that Messrs Adams & Co of Boston have been
advised of the fact, to whom I refer you for
all the required information.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt^{ly}
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Mann

Mr. A. G. Peck.
Boston Mass.

15. Ap. 1850.

Dear Sir,

A family affliction has prevented me from replying, before this time, to your letter of the 12th inst, in which you ask whether some arrangement may not be made to relieve the public in relation to cashing United States notes, and subsequently notes, as to the propriety of making them receivable for debts due to the U. S.

Considering that the manufacture of bullion into coins ~~is a~~ ^{though an expensive operation, it} ~~is a~~ ^{is a} ~~quite~~ ^{is a} ~~costly~~ ^{is a} ~~operation~~ ^{is a} ~~done~~ ^{is done} by the government without any ^{present} ~~change~~ ^{change} to depositors, it appears to me that the ^{present} ~~delay~~ ^{delay} in the cashing of ^{that} ~~receipts~~ ^{receipts} ~~is not~~ ^{is not} ~~should~~ ^{should} not be returned as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~source~~ ^{source} of complaint. At this time we are but six weeks in arrears in our payments, and a delivery of coins ^{is expected} ~~which will be made~~ ^{which will be made} to morrow, will advance us one week more. I believe this delay is less considerable than would have to be encountered in any other part of the world.

~~But, it is very desirable that any assistance should be rendered~~
~~I should be very glad, however, to be enabled to return to the system~~

not demand it, but agree to return

It is

I suggest, therefore, that all the legislation required in the present emergency is a simple clause repealing so much of the 31st section of the United Act of Jan. 18, 1837 as limits the amount of public money to be deposited in the United States, for the purposes indicated in

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R. M. P.

J. Phillips Phoenix.

Dr

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Washington

Dr. J. P. Phoenix

Dr

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the Mint Philadelphia

New York 18. April 1850

Dear Sir

Permit us to request return to us of the
two assays of the two pieces of gold covered by our receipt
dated the 15th. delivered by your establishment on the 8th
last to Mr. Hadden Esq -

We were assured by Mr. Hadden that we
should have separate assays for the two lots, although
under one certificate as they were acid tests from
the same correspondent and the smaller piece
was commended to us as being of unusual purity.

Renewing our apologies for so often in-

truding upon your courtesy

We are

Very

Respectfully

Ward Price

Enc. the men but about the 14th of April

Treasurer of the Mine Boston April 19 1850.

Philadelphia Sir - On the 13th Ult.
we deposited at the Mine for Coinage
(as per Receipt No 1186) 1609 74/100 Ounces, Gold
Bullion - Will you do us the favour

to write us when the same is coined
that we may find for it. I hope

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt

N. F. Cunningham & Co

No 1106.

Will require \$425,00

New York Apr. 19. 1850

Dr Sir

I hold a Mint Recept. No 1791. dated
Apr 12. 1850. in my favor for 36 ¹/₂ ozs
Gold Bullion, when assayed, will you
please forward me the Certificate to the
care of Kent Doag & Co Not. Front St
& oblige

Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Yours Resp
Richd. T. Holmes

Maumee City, Ohio, April 19th 1850

Director of the United
States Mint Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

On the 27th ult. I sent to
you by Livingston & Pargos Express one Package containing
550 Silver Dollars, with which were directions for you to send
me a Mint Certificate for amount. I have not yet received
a return and consequently feel anxious, as I want to use it
immediately. Please let me know by return of Mail and
you will much oblige Yours Respectfully
W. Robertson

Mem. Sent

R. M. Tollerer Esq.

10 St.

My young friends Messrs. Sharps of
New York, desired in their ^{return} to look into the matter - They are
young gentlemen of high respectability, and it will gratify me
much, if you will direct some one your employee, to explain
to them the matter ~~affair~~ of your disbursement.

Respectfully Yours

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

W. of N. Y. Oct. 19. 1850

R. B. I had the pleasure to receive your letter. I will inform you the way
of the Committee in relation to that card piece.

Mont Wt. Chas April 19/57.

Sir,

Your letters of the 15th & 17th were both received to-day, and this will account for my not having referred to them in my letter of yesterday. You will have seen that this communication presents my views upon the subject to which you had called my attention, and I believe that I have nothing more to add.

I send, by this mail, a pamphlet which contains all the Acts in force relative to the Abolition and Emancipation, up to 1846, and giving all the information of which you may be in want.

Yours truly,
R. W. P.

Wm. J. P. Phoenix M.C.
Hon. & Representative.

Grey Rock Harford County Md.
near to Darlington

Dear Sir

Having found some mineral
and believing it to be gold I herewith Enclose
some of the pieces of the largest size to you
To examine and prove them and shall take
it as a favour if you will forthwith drop a
line to me informing me whether it is
Gold or what mineral it is if Gold how
much finer it is, some that we have found
is very fine but seem to be abundant

In your compliance with the above
Request will confer a favour on yours

Respectfully.
April 19th 1850. Hugh Jones

To the Superintendent
of the U.S. Mint Philad^a

Your note sent to Grey Rock Co. Md.

Wentworth's Institute
Boston Sunday 17th April 50

Sir

A notice in the "Farmer & Mechanic"
of 12th Nov. of 18th inst. copied from the
"Anti-Slavery" an article by an officer
of the Mint on "Counterfeit Gold Coin"
I quote from the article.

"Even when examined under a microscope
they are found to correspond in the
most minute particulars to the genuine
coin. This shows that the dies must
have been transferred from our own
Coin by some mechanical process not yet
known to honest workmen, as the
most accomplished artist in the world
could not take up the graver and
make such a fine simile."

What is to inform you that the writer is
correct as to his supposition of the transfer
but wrong as to the knowledge of the process
to honest workmen. I have known the
process for years, by which, what is
called forged money, is made, and will
communicate the process to the U. States
Mint whenever officially so requested.
It may perhaps be of use to the

Print, to render their work and preserve
the facsimiles of the original.

Yours very respectfully
John A. B. Smith
Superintendent

John
Superintendent of the
U. S. State Printer
Philadelphia

Manumet City April 20th 53

To the Director of
the United States
Mint Philadelphia.

Dear Sir I mailed a letter
to you yesterday, stating that I had not
received an answer concerning the Package
of Gold which I sent you on the 27th ult.
Since mailing that letter I have received
a Mint Receipt for the same, if you
can ascertain the value of the Gold immedi-
ately and send me an Eastern draft or
anything I can use, as I want it for im-
mediate use you will very much oblige

Yours Truly

Wm. Robertson

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

April 22^d 1856

Sir

I herewith return voucher No 82 for "Work at the
Mint" and refer you to the name of John Griffin whose
signature by Mark is not attached. I have also to call
your attention to voucher No 71 for amount of your expenses
to and from Washington and request you to state the au-
thority under which this expenditure was incurred. Voucher
No 77 drawn by Embury for "Carpenter's work" I will thank
you to explain more fully and if practicable to furnish a
list of particulars.

Respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt

J. L. Smith

1st Asst.

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James Ross Snowden Esq

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, April 22, 1850.

Dear Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst.,
I caused ^{inquiry} information to be ^{made} ~~obtained~~ in Baltimore
regarding the deposits in question; and I learn
that Mr. J. W. Stone, (or I believe it should be
written J. R. Stone, -) is well known. The deposits were
sent by him to the Mint, by Adams & Co's Express
Line; and by inquiring at that house in Baltimore
you can get the information which you desire.

R. M. P.

Sen

J. Hampton Williams Esq.
Baltimore.

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

April 30th 1850

Sir

I herewith return the abstract and vouchers for payment
an distribution of Copper Coins 1st Qr 1850 and request
that the abstract be so made up as to exhibit the
amount paid for freight and portage separately, in
order that the amount of the Voucher may be correctly
represented in the abstract as shown in previous acts

Respectfully,

Yours &c &c

J. C. Smith
1st Auditor

To

James Ross & Son (Esq)
Treasury of the Mint,
Philadelphia

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street. (Journey Court) New York, April 23 1850

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of U. S. Mint Phil.
D. C.

We send herewith for coinage
122 ⁸⁵/₁₀₀ ozs. gold dust. Please return receipt
& assay by beaver.

We notice a considerable
variance in the charge for parting &
alloy between the gold of this month
& the gold of February last. May
any alteration been made in that respect
we will feel obliged by an answer.

Respectfully,
Y. S. R.
Weeks, Kelley & Co.

Irring House, N. York 23rd April 1850

Dear Sir

Thinking over the all embracing subject of gold with reference to the no longer fabled "Pactolus", I have come to the conclusion that a Parting Establishment in California should not be fitted up on the Sulfuric Acid principle, inasmuch as the products are gold and silver with an immense proportion of the former, so that Nitric acid can alone be used with economical effect.

In Mexico the silver in the "Platas mixtas" preponderates altogether and of course a process involving the cheaper acid (Sulphuric) is preferable, but where only five to ten per cent of silver is contained in the mass - it becomes clear that the other method is better.

Still, whenever you require information I need not say it will be a real gratification to me to hand you all my limited knowledge whenever you may think it useful to demand it.

Thanking you and the Gentlemen under your Command for the kindness & politeness shown me in Philadelphia - I have the honor to remain - Dear Sir

Yours truly

Leonel Brough

D. Patterson

Sec. Sec. Sec.

Wm't of the United States,
April 24, 1850.

Sir,
I return herewith the Vouchers for Expenses
of distribution of Copper Coins for the 1st quarter
1850, with the account stated as you
request in yours of the 23^d inst, which I hope
will be satisfactory. Very respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.,
(Signed) J.R. Brewster

To/ T. L. Smith, Esq.,
First Auditor of Treasury.

Albion N.D. 24 Apr 58

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I have to add the rest of yr request of the 23rd inst. to my reply. I have made the books
now properly stored, under a title of particulars of the books 1878.

The enclosed letter from the agent of the Alaska mts, I hope, sufficiently explains the grounds of
the expenditure claimed in Nov. 71

Very respy of Al. S. Hunt

(signed) L. R. S.

Respect

(Copy)

Albion N.D. 24 Apr. 1858.

22

The Treas^r of the Alaska has referred to me your letter of the 23rd inst. in which you ask
a statement of the authority by which he was authorized to issue for "his expenses to & from Alaska"
as claimed in Nov. 71 of the Budget bill for the past quarter.

His visit of Col. Brewster was made at my request, & was for the purpose of explain-
ing to the Secy of the Treasury & to the Comm^r of D.O. & Expenses, the comparative necessity of
an extra appropriation in aid of the Alaska. It was apparent to me that a personal interview
would be more effective in securing prompt action than any written explanation and he
wished to check with me I had already addressed several comments on the subject, I could not
learn what precise action had taken place in reference to it. Meanwhile, we could not
the passing, had to his suggestions, nor were we able to hold out any definite expectations
as to their payment. The visit of Col. B. was especially in securing the immediate initiation
of provisions, in aid of the Alaska, into the existing bill for the present fiscal year. I
trust that this explanation will suffice to justify the propriety of the expense in question.

Very respy

Yr faith. Servant

R. H. P.

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P. C. Smith, Esq.
1st. Asst.
Washington.

Minist. of the United States

214 April 1850.

Genl.,

In reply to your communication of ~~Sept 1st~~ ^{in our} ~~date~~ ^{relative to} ~~in which~~
you ~~inquire~~ ^{require} the reasons for the variations ~~between~~ ^{in our} the charges for part
ingally ~~between~~ ^{as this month} ~~the~~ ^{February} I have to mention, that
with the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury no parting charges
has been raised from 3 to 5 cts per ounce after melting. This increase
was necessary to pay the expenses absolutely incurred, & was required
by the terms of the law ^{governing the Mint} ~~in reference to the Mint charges~~

The deduction for silver & copper alloy has also been increased.
that for copper alloy ^{was} ~~diminished~~.
Until the present month we charged, for silver alloy, $\frac{1}{100}$ th of standard

weight of the gold, at 129 cents ^{per oz} & for copper $\frac{3}{100}$ th of the same at 2
cents. ~~This charge required for that portion of silver, in portable gold which could~~
~~not be economically extracted, for consequence of the present heavy pressure upon~~
~~the refining department of the Mint, we have thought it best to increase~~
~~the charge for silver alloy has become increased from 2 to $\frac{2}{100}$ th of stand. weight, the~~
~~copper being $\frac{3}{100}$ th. We believe that the time gained by the depositors, by this~~
~~change, will, by a saving of interest, more than compensate them for~~
~~the increased charge under this head. We hope, in a few months, to be enabled~~
~~to resume our former rates.~~

Very respectfully
Y. f. S.
R. M. P.
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G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
MANKERS,
41 WALL STREET.

A. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the
U.S. Mint
Phil^a.

New York, April 24th 1850,

D. Sir We have sent by Adams
Express, a parcel of Gold Dust, for coinage we have
no weight of it, but send as rec^d from New Orleans. The
invoice value is stated at D. \$ 5065.⁵³ 100

Yours Respectfully,

G. S. Robbins & Son

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S.

Boston April 25. 1850

Sir,

I have the honor to enquire
when the money, which I transmitted to you
on the 20th Ult., will be ready for delivery
at the Mint. Whenever money is delivered for
accounts of this Office, I shall be happy to
receive from you advice thereof, by mail.

I am very respectfully

Yours obt. Servant

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U.S.
at Boston.

To
James R. Thompson Esq
Treas. of the U.S. Mint
Philad^a

U.S. Mint Phila.
April 25, 1858.
To
James H. Knight Esq
Baltimore

On the 14th inst. last you addressed
some inquiries to me in relation to the pro-
ceeds of Carbon gold at this Mint and men-
tioned that your design making a shipment
direct to England and France for the
purpose of Comparison. In my reply I
requested to be informed of the results
of that shipment. I now take the
liberty of renewing that request.
It is very desirable that we should
know what is the difference in the
price and delay between our own
returns for bullion and I address you
as the one source from which I can
obtain the desired information. I also
wish to know the cost of melting your
gold, and its refining and assaying, the
assay and its quality, and the time
which was required to receive the return
in bullion.

Very respectfully
R M Patterson
Director

Post Office, New York
April 25th 1850.

Sir,
Mr. White, Post Master at Phil^a, informs me,
that by direct application to yourself, I can
procure dinner & half dinner for the use of this
Office. I shall require probably about one
thousand dollars each week, and would en-
quire, if you could furnish that, or a larger
amount, if it should be necessary. Be
pleased also to state, whether I shall send for them,
or whether you can cause them to be forwarded; and
also whether you would prefer that I should remit
to you, gold or a certificate of deposit from the
Assistant Treasurer here.

I am Sir
Yours M^t Serv^t
Wm. F. May Jr

Col. Snowden
Treas^r of the U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Min't of the U.S.
April 25 1850

Sir,

I am at length enabled to comply with your request of the 10th ult., and now enclose to you the project of a bill for a cent piece containing silver, with a few specimens hastily prepared, & chiefly to show their size and general appearance. Not having any definite directions from you as to details, I have proceeded such as seemed to be least objectionable. I do not know that any other section of the Bill than the Vth, will require explanation, ~~and~~ in reference to that one, I have to observe, that as the country is already stocked, or overstocked, with one-cent coins, their gradual and ~~substantial~~ or ultimate withdrawal from the circulation is indispensable to the successful introduction of the new, and perhaps more desirable and popular piece. The Government, however, can never redeem the coppers at their legal valuation, since that would require the enormous

appropriation of more than \$600,000; the very suggestion of which would certainly defeat your purpose. On the other hand, a general outcry may be anticipated, against any measure which should ~~depreciate~~ suddenly depreciate the copper coins to the value of old copper, that is from $41\frac{2}{3}$ cents, to 17 cents, per pound avoirdupois. The section VI. therefore provides for a middle course, whose operation is intended to be this. - The value of the silver in this new coin is .67 of a cent; the value of the copper, .07; the close cost of manufacture, .12; of transportation, average .01; leaving .15 to accumulate as a redemption fund.

At the expiration of ten or twelve years, we may believe that the mints will have issued enough of the new pieces to make a fund by which the coppers could be called in at something like a half-way price; and by that time, those coins, having to contend with a more portable & desirable rival, will have become so discredited, that the people will be willing to lose the difference, especially as every prudent dealer will have had time to ~~keep~~^{get} his coppers as ~~cheap~~^{well} ^{right} of them as possible.

The proposed coinage of three-cent and one-cent pieces would undoubtedly require some additional machinery and manual force, but the measure would be much within the limits of practicability, as the following estimate will show.

One day's melting, say 30,000 ozs. of metal, would turn out ingots enough to cut out 350,000 cent planchets, or 700,000 three-cent planchets.

The present current demand for cents, is on an average 50,000 dolls. worth a year; suppose we double this, and say ten millions of pieces. - An annual coinage of three \$300,000 in three-cent pieces, would make another ten millions. - These are high enough estimates, because the Branch Mints are to do their share of the work.

Then, for the melting department, we shall need, for these 20 millions of pieces, 444 days' melting, say every eighth day.

For the coining department, the chief of that branch can more accurately estimate, after considering what appliances will be expedient. At present, one ^{hand} ~~cutters~~ cuts out 200 planchets in a minute, one hand mills 650 pieces in a minute, and one coining press will stamp 55,000 pieces in a day.

At the present rates of receipt and parting
of California gold, we shall have caught up, by
the end of July. It is not probable that the bill
would become a law, or that the dies would be
ready, as early as that time. From thenceforward,
the strain upon the Mint would be visibly
relaxed, and we should be able to satisfy the
public expectations, in every branch of coinage.

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An Act for the coinage of a cent piece,
composed of copper and silver.

Be it enacted &c.

I. That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful to coin, at the Mint of the United States and its Branches, pieces of one cent, which shall contain one-tenth part silver, and nine-tenths parts copper, and of the weight of twenty-five grains.

II. That in adjusting the weight of said piece of one cent, there shall be no greater deviation allowed than ^{one and a half} grains in the single piece, and ^{three} pennyweights in a delivery of one thousand pieces; and in the composition of the metal, there shall be no greater deviation allowed, ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ ^{from} the proportion of silver, than one-tenth of that proportion.

III. That the devices on said coin shall indicate its country, its legal value, and its proportion of silver.

IV. That to secure a due conformity to the foregoing standards of weight and fineness, the same trial shall be made, and at the same time, as is provided in the Act of January 18, 1837 Sects 27 and 32, relative to the Mint and Coinage.

V. That said coins shall be ^{paid out} ~~paid out~~, as at the Mint and Branches where they are struck, and at such other places or offices as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, in exchange for gold and silver coins of the United States, and in sums not less than five dollars' worth at a time, and in the order of application.

VII. That out of the ^{remaining} profits accruing from this coinage, the Director of the Mint shall cause to be paid the reasonable expenses of transmitting ^{not less than 1000 pieces,} parcels of the same, to any place from whence application is made for them, not exceeding the rate of ²⁵ cents on one thousand pieces.

~~VII.~~ VI. That ^{from} ~~out of~~ the profits accruing from this coinage, the Treasurer of the Mint, under the direction of the Director of the Mint, and with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury,

shall take out at the rate of ^{fifteen} ~~twenty~~ cents per dollar of moneys received, and the same shall keep apart, or invest in loans of the United States, as a fund for the redemption of copper coins of the United States already issued, ^{on} ~~at~~ such terms as Congress may hereafter prescribe by law.

VIII. That the remaining profits, if any there be, shall be appropriated towards defraying the contingent expenses of the Mint or Branch Mint where such profits shall have accrued.

IX. That the coinage, ^{and emission} of copper cents and half cents shall, ^{and after} ~~from~~ the passage of this Act, be discontinued; but the circulation of the

~~X. That anything herein enacted shall not be~~
affected same at their legal value, shall not be affected by any thing herein contained.

X. That the penalties for making and uttering counterfeit of the copper coins of the United States, as provided by Act of March 3^d 1825, Sects 20, 21, be extended to include counterfeit of the coins herein provided for.

With these suggestions the matter is placed entirely at your disposal. I was obliged to make it a separate bill from that providing for the three-cent piece, because this the cent must be paid for in non-depreciated money, while the other is intended ~~as an~~ ^{to be} exchanged for the worn Spanish silver. They may, however, be incorporated into one bill, provided they be not put upon the same footing.

I should add, that some of the objections stated in my former letter, to billon coins, will probably be ~~assumed~~ not attach to an alloy of the proportion proposed, and especially with the precautions which I have taken in the "pickling" or cleaning.

Very respectfully

Hon. S. S. Dickinson
U. S. Senate

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

26 April 1850

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of this substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Office of the U. S.
Philadelphia, April 26 1850.

Sir,

I have rec^d your letter of yesterday
in reference to supplying you with domestic silver.
As the Mint is a manufacturer we only furnish coins in
exchange for bullion of the same species on that deposit,
and at present, especially when we need a large amount
of silver in the chemical process of producing the Cat^{ts}
gold, it would be entirely impracticable to pay silver
in the quantity you wish, for gold. In reference to
your suggestion of receiving a certificate of deposit
from the U. S. Treasury at New York, I have to say, that
there is no mode by which we could accomplish
your object in that way. The only manner
in which your object can be attained is by sending
me silver bullion, either in the form of foreign
silver coins or other silver bullion. This you
can send by some Express Agent (we have
usually employed Adams Co.) and I will
at the earliest time after the receipt of the bullion,
that I possibly am able, send you the small
coins you desire.

I am very respectfully,
Yours,

(Signed) James Ross Snowden.
Wm. T. Brady Esq.
P. M. N. York

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Journey Court) New York, April 26 1850

J. R. Snowden Esq Sir

We send herewith
one hundred & twelve ounces (112 oz) Cal.
gold for Cornish - Please return receipt
& assay by beaver.

Res^d & Yrs.

Weeks, Kelley & Co -

~~Handwritten signature: [illegible]~~

In reply to your communication of the 24th inst, I have to ~~say~~
^{state} that the difficulty as this month, in returning coin for deposits
 of California gold, arises solely from the time and labor required
 in the separation from ^{the} silver with which it is naturally
 combined. ~~The gold~~ ^{the gold} contains ~~a large~~ ^{an} ~~amount~~ ^{amount} of
 silver, ~~and it is~~ ^{but it is} allowable, by the present laws, to leave in the coin.
 We have no alternative, therefore, but to extract the silver which is in
 excess of this amount ~~which is left in the coin~~ ^{which is left in the coin} the
 process required is a chemical one, and is conducted under the super-
 intendence of the M. & R., and ^{as has been} ~~part of the~~ ^{stated}, a part of the
 expenses duty. In the large amount of this parting which has been
 the great influx of Cal. gold has forced upon us, we were totally
 unprepared. We took such steps, however, as
 we deemed were required by the emergency. ~~We made such~~ ^{At first we thought that}
~~an~~ ^{an} ~~amount~~ ^{amount} of dollars which a month would pass through the refinery,
 would suffice to meet the public demands. ~~We~~ ^{As} ~~experiences~~ ^{experiences} proved
 that we had underestimated these demands we have gone on further
 in our improvements, till the refinery has become competent to the
 separation of ^{2 1/2 million} ~~of~~ ^{of} monthly ^{in these changes we have been}
 compelled to exercise prudence from the fact that the appropriation for
 our deposits during the present fiscal year had long been ^{entirely} exhausted,
 and that we had become largely indebted to the Cal. banks.
 We had to proceed ^{depend} entirely upon our credit, and upon the contingencies

of an entire appropriation by Congress. That operation seems
now to be in the point of final passage, and with the means
of increased improvements which it will afford us ^{our M. & R. gives}
~~the assurance~~ ^{as much as} that he will be able to
emit in ~~three or four~~ ^{four} millions of portable bullion monthly.
~~The bullion is brought to the mint in a few states for~~
~~melted into gold.~~ ^{If the depositors brought to the mint gold,}
~~and do not require paying for freight, it being higher than silver,~~
~~which cost, a bullion of about eight per centum above to acquire a~~
~~fine, we can, by a proper admixture of alloying materials, melt them~~
~~at once into ingots for coin. This operation gives but little com-~~
~~plicated trouble, and the subsequent work material can be effected~~
~~at two thirds to an amount far exceeding any portable which is likely~~
~~to be made upon it.~~ ^{If the bullion brought to the mint}
~~in 1849 of the same kind since 1849 had~~
~~been coined, instead of California gold we should have been paying~~
~~him to pay every report upon the ascertainment of its value. And would~~

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Hon. Jas. Cooper,
U.S. Senate
Washington

25 Apr. 1850.

The balance will be more probably diminished than increased at the close of the present month. The balance of bullion in the ~~Bank~~ ^{at New Orleans} at the close of March, so far as we are able to estimate it here, was ⁰⁰⁰ \$2,201,026, and the Bank having since been closed it has of course not been increased. The balance against the smaller month is not probably ^{100,000} more than \$100,000. So that it now appears that in all the month there is about ^{00,000} \$4,328,221 of bullion at the present time, which is considerably less than the amount stated to be in this month alone.

From this statement it ~~appears~~ ^{is apparent} that ~~the Bank~~ ^{the Treasury} something less than two millions would enable this month to pay off all our money debt due to its private depositors. ^{that this sum} If, ~~as the Treasury~~ ^{as has been stated} the case, there could be spent without inconvenience, ^{the proper remedy for our difficulties seems very clear. It is to repeal} the ~~present~~ ^{present} ~~law~~ ^{law} ~~limiting~~ ^{limiting} our bullion fund to 1 million ~~should be repealed~~ ^{and the Secretary} of the Treasury ^{transfer} to ^{give} us ^{the amount} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{future} ^{might} ^{make} ^{necessary}. At the present time, even, and without reference to future improvements, our ~~country~~ ^{country} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~exceeded~~ ^{exceeded} our ~~deposits~~ ^{deposits}.

At the New Orleans Bank there is a deficiency both in apparatus and in labor to meet the demands now made upon it. By the act authorizing that Bank the number of laborers is limited to 20. As long as this limit is retained, this Bank cannot possibly recover the ground which it has lost, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~able~~ ^{able} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~keep~~ ^{keep} ~~up~~ ^{up} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~its~~ ^{its} ~~deposits~~ ^{deposits}. I have several times expressed my opinion as to the necessity of repealing this clause of the Branch Bank law. If I should

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be repeated, the next step would be a prompt appropriation to make them pay for an enlargement of their means, by giving up part of the building & taking for its additional laboratory & fundamental lab required for such purposes.

Their ^{unified} total lab required in the Unit. Coll., their bellin fund, which is now but \$100,000 should be very largely increased.

Any the ^{pro plan} ~~now~~ suggested for the benefit of the depositors
at the Mt. has been ^{now} such a change in our laws as would require
the United Treasury to cash our Mt. certificates, and also our
shares ~~to be~~ tendered in payment of public dues. I should
regret such a law too, because it would convert our certificates, in
some measure, into a circulating medium, for which they were
never designed, 2^d. That our Mt. accounts would be complicated
^{by} with an extensive series of transactions with the government & its
offices; 3^d. because the government itself might ^{perhaps} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~inconvenienced~~
^{inconvenienced} for the ^{large} ~~large~~ amount of such certificates
tendered to them. I should think the plan of paying the
deposits at the Mt. ^{steps} ~~very~~ much preferable, & with the aid of
the Treasury which I hope will be afforded us, & the prompt
payments which would then be assured, I doubt not our de-
positors would be amply satisfied.

An act authorizing the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York to purchase bullion for coinage.

§ 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall hereafter be lawful to make deposits of gold & silver bullion, for coinage, with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, who is hereby required to weigh and give receipt for such bullion in the manner and under the regulations provided in the case of deposits at the Mint with the Treasurer thereof.

§ 2. That such bullion shall be assayed, and the net value thereof ascertained in the manner hereafter pointed out and that thereupon it shall be the duty of said Assistant Treasurer to issue his certificate ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ favor of ~~the~~ such bullion for the net amount thereof, payable at his office to said depositor, or order in coins of the same species of bullion as that deposited. If, however, the depositor shall so request, the said Assistant Treasurer may, at his discretion, instead of the single certificate above authorized, issue several certificates, ^{payable to bearer} in such convenient sums as shall, in the aggregate, make up the whole net value of the deposit. Provided, that no certificate shall be for a less sum than fifty dollars. And the same discretion as to the issue of certificates is hereby extended to the Treasurers of the Mint & Branch Mints of the United States.

§ 3. That certificates for deposits of bullion issued by the Assistant Treasurer aforesaid, or by the Treasurers of the several Mints of the United States, shall be receivable in payment of all debts due to the United States for the full amount therein certified to be due.

22. That certificate for deposit of documents shall be the absolute property of the donor of the same. That the donor of the same shall retain the right to withdraw the same at any time and for any purpose.

§ 6. That the Sheriff, Towns & Corporations shall not remove goods
warrantable after the receipt of the bill in respect to their order
the Board of this act forward the same to the Sheriff of the County at
Wilmington through the agent selected in accordance with the preceding
Section; that such bill in shall be delivered at the
Sheriff, and treated in like manner with other depositions.

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its for carriage. It shall be entered on the books in his name, and a receipt given therefor. It shall be assayed, and its value ascertained, and a detailed memorandum thereof shall be transmitted by the Treasurer of the Mint to the Assistant Treasurer aforesaid, who shall thereupon issue his certificate or certificates therefor, as authorized by the second section of this act: Provided, that if certificates, or payments in advance, shall have already been made, in conformity with the fourth section, then the additional certificate or certificates to issue shall only be for the difference between the amount so advanced & the net value of the deposit.

§ 7. That as often as the coins which are the equivalent of the deposits made at the Mint as aforesaid are ready for delivery, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer of the Mint, upon the order of said Assistant Treasurer, and a warrant of the President of the United States, to pay the amount to the agent for transportation authorized by the fifth section of this act, to be, by said agent safely remitted & delivered to the said Assistant Treasurer, who shall place the value thereof to the credit of the United States.

§ 8. That the said Assistant Treasurer shall appoint such clerks & workmen as may be necessary to enable him to conduct the duties made obligatory by this act, and to such clerks shall be allowed such annual salaries as he may determine not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars; to the workmen such wages as are customary & reasonable according to their several station & occupations. Provided, that both the appointment & the salary of such clerks shall be first approved by the President of the U.S., and, provided also, that before entering upon their duties they shall become bound to the U.S. in the sum of Five thousand dollars, with one or

in that it is intended to be used for the purpose of the
of the Treasury, for the faithful performance
of the duties devolved upon them.
§ 9. That the said Assistant Treasurer shall
receive five hundred dollars annually, for the
additional duties created by this act; and to meet
the new responsibilities thence arising, he shall also,
as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, renew
his official bonds, and, if deemed necessary, strength-
en & increase the same.

§ 10. That all laws for the Government of the Mint
& the officers thereof, in relation to the receipt, payment,
& custody of deposits, and the settlement of the accounts
thereof, are hereby made obligatory upon the said
Assistant Treasurer, as far as the same may be appli-
cable. And the Director of the Mint, in subordination
to the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized & required
to issue such instructions as he may deem necessary or
proper for carrying into effect, by said Asst-
ant Treasurer, the purposes of this act.

§ 11. That the sum of six thousand five hun-
dred dollars is hereby appropriated for the use of
said Assistant Treas: out of any money in the Treasury
not otherwise appropriated, to be applied to the pay-
ment of the salaries & wages herein authorized, to the
purchase of scales suitable for the weighing of bullion
& coins, and for such incidental & contingent expen-
ses as may arise from the execution of this act. And
an additional appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars
is also made to meet any deficiency ^{found} in the contingent
fund of the Mint, for defraying the expenses authorized
by this act for transportation of coins & bullion.

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of the Treasury, for the faithful performance
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to conduct the duties may make at expense of ^{the} transportation of
by this act, to whom there shall be allowed such annual sal- & the said Assistant Treas-
aries as he may determine, not to exceed \$1200 ~~per annum~~; provided,
that both the appointment & the salary of such clerks shall be fixed, and of the receipt, custody & payment of de-

§ 9. That the sum of \$6000 is hereby appropriated to the use of the said Asst. Treas-
in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
priated, for to be applied to the pay-
ment of the salaries of the clerks herein
authorized, to the purchase of scales,
^{scales} and for the weighing of bullion & coins,
& for such incidental & contingent
expenses as may arise from the exe-
cution of this act; and to the Asst.
of the United States at Philad-
the further sum of \$15000 is hereby
appropriated, to defray the

§ 10. That all laws for the government of the Mint & the Offi-
in relation to the receipt, custody & payment of de-
posits, shall be hereby made
applicable upon the said Asst.
Treas- as far as the same
may be applicable.

and provided further that before
entering upon their duties they shall be
in the possession of \$15000
come bound to the U. S. with one or
more sureties to the satisf- of the Sec.
Treas- for the faithful performance of
the duties devolved upon them.

Trans: of the amt, upon the order of the
2^d sect. of the act, ^{in warrant of disbursement of the Mtz}
~~Ass^t Treas^r to the the same may be due,~~
to pay the amount to the agents for transpor-
tation authorized by the 2^d sect. of this act,
to be by them safely received and delivered
to the Asst. Treas^r.

45. That with the coin which shall
 be returned from the Mint, as aforesaid, the
~~aid~~ ^{aforesaid} Assistant Treasurer ~~is~~ authorized & re-
 quired to pay the value of the deposits
 made with ^{him} ~~them~~ under the terms of this
 act. And the Secretary of the Treasury
 is hereby authorized ^{for} ~~also~~ to permit the pay-
 ment of such deposits from any other pub-
 lic money which shall be in the custody
 of said Assistant Treasurer, provided
 that the funds so employed shall not
 exceed such an amount as, in the
 opinion of said Secretary, the State of
 the Treasury will prudently admit.

26. That the said Assistant
Treasr. shall appoint such clerks,
as may be necessary to enable him

§ 3. That the Asst. Treasr. aforesaid shall, as soon
 as practicable & after the receipt of the bullion de-
 posited with ^{him} ~~them~~ under the terms of the act,
 forward the same to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia,
 and the agents selected in accordance
 with the preceding section; that such bullion
 shall be delivered at the Mint ^{and a receipt given} ~~in the name of~~
 to the Assistant Treasury for the purpose ^{he like means}
~~as the same shall be deposited together with~~
~~the other deposits for coinage~~
 it shall be entered on the books in ^{his} ~~the~~ name of
~~the Asst. Treasr. by whom it was deposited, but for~~
~~the account of the original depositor; it shall be~~
~~ascertained & its value ascertained, and a detailed~~
~~memorandum thereof sent by the Treasr. of the United~~
~~to the Asst. Treasr. forwarding the deposit. And~~
 it shall therefore be the duty of the said Asst. Treasr.
 to issue his certificate, for the net amount
 of the deposit, as determined at the Mint, payable
 at his Office ^{to such depositor or order}
 in gold or silver of the same species
 of bullion with that deposited.

84. That as often as the coins which are the
equivalents of deposits made at the Mint as aforesaid
are ready for delivery, it shall be lawful for the

§ 1. That it shall be lawful for persons to make deposits
of gold and silver bullion for coinage with ~~the~~ the ^{treas-}
urer of the U. S., ~~at Boston~~ ^{at} New York, ~~Philadelphia,~~
~~or at the expense of the government at any other place, where~~
is
daily and hourly required to weigh and receipt for
such bullion in the manner and under the regula-
tions provided in the case of deposits at the mint
with the treasurer thereof.

§ 2. That the Director of the Mint is hereby au-
thorized and required, with the approval of the Sec.
of the Treasury, to make such arrangements, by con-
tract or otherwise, as may be necessary to secure
the safe and speedy transmission of bullion &
coins between the Assistant Treasurer ~~at~~
aforesaid and the Mint at Philadelphia: provided
that the persons engaged to transport such bul-
lion shall, before being entrusted thereunto, be-
come bound to the U. S. with one or more
sureties, to the satisfaction of the Sec. of the
Treasury, for the faithful performance of
the duties devolved upon them; and provided
further that the expense of such transpor-
tation shall be borne by the U. S.

Philad^a - Apr. 27th 1850

Hon. Robert M. Patterson M.D.
Director of the Mint of the U. States

Dear Sir:

I take great pleasure in introducing to your acquaintance my friend Sumner Dwight Esq of New Haven Conn. He will fully explain to you the details of the business concerning which I had the pleasure of conferring with you yesterday -

Yours
very truly & respectfully
Amos A. Bradford

Miner of the M. S.
Philad^a April 27, 1850.

Sir, I have rec^d your letter of the 25th inst, in
relation to the payment of yr deposits of gold and
silver made on the 21st ult. Our practice is to pay
in the order in which the depts are rec^d: Your gold
dept. will not be reached in the ordinary course before about
2 weeks from the present time, but as I am desirous of
accommodating your office, I will today pay the gold
dept. in the coin you desire. Then I do, inasmuch
as I have several large depts. as Aft. Thom, which
are payable to me, & I receive my right to draw, in
your favor. I therefore send the amount today by
Messrs. Adams & Co, being \$25,566.84. Your deposits
yielded \$10.21 more, than are I place in the order,
fund of the Mint in order, in part, to defray exp^s
of transportation in compliance with instructions from
the Treasury Dept. I regret that we have no
dimes & half dimes in hand, or I would send
the amt of yr. silver dept. These coins are now
in process of coming up, & I will forward them together
with the cents, in the early part of next week.
I did not deem it necessary to advise you of the
receipt of the bullion, as I presumed yr. Agent
would inform you of it; I enclose in compliance
with yr. request, I will make an acknowledgment
of the receipt of your bullion by mail.

I am with great respect
Yours ob^d serv^t
Franklin Clark } (signed) Jas. R. Brown
Aft. Treas. U.S. }
Boston }

J. B. Minors, Phila Pa
April 27, 1850.

J.
Solomon Andrews, Esq.
Inventors Institute
Perth Amboy N J

Dear Sir - I have to thank you for your letter of the 19th inst.
respecting certain counterfeit gold coins. The article to
which you refer was not written by me or at my
request; but you are right in stating that the
counterfeits in question correspond in the most
minute particulars to the genuine coin. It is a
matter of great interest to know how this
remarkable similitude has been accomplished.
I am therefore very glad to learn that you
are acquainted with the operation and are
willing to communicate the process to the
U. S. Mint official as record. That request
I now make; and I shall feel exceedingly
gratified by your consenting to it and giving
the information which you possess and
which we so much desire.

Very respectfully
R M Patterson
Director of the Mint

New York 27 April 1850

R. M. Patterson Esq. Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir. We have to own receipt of your favor of 25th
inst. referring to mine of 14 January last. in which
by the way - we said we expected to receive informa-
tion from London - as to coinage of California Gold,
but not that we had sent any Gold -

We received from Paris - a short statement. copy
of which we now enclose - but which does not give
the information required - our correspondent
stated that most of the Gold remitted from
California to France had been landed at
Boulogne & transmitted thence to the Bank
of England -

From our London Correspondents - we have as yet
received no answer - & we have again written
per Atlantic - to obtain the information asked
for in your favor of 25th inst - and as soon as we
receive it we shall communicate it to you
with

with great pleasure —

If there is any other information connected with this
interesting topic - which you think we could obtain
from you - we shall be most happy to meet your
views

and remain
Yours truly & deeply
James H. King & Co.

Resultat de deux envois d'Or de Californie reçus de Mazatlan

premier de l'or en poudre 45^{kg} 071 - Rendement en lingots après la fonte 44^{kg} 966 -

Déficit 1^{er} 105 soit environ 2 1/2 %

2^o " " 45^{kg} 850 Rendement en lingots après la fonte 44^{kg} 465

Déficit 1^{er} 385 soit environ 3 %

Le titre des lingots & des boutons est pour l'or qui ils contenaient de 882 à 886/1000
pour l'argent de 108 à 110/1000

Academy's Institute

Brookline, 27th Sept 1850.

Dear Sir

Your letter of 27th inst in answer
to my communication of the 17th is just received.

The impression is transferred from the
Coin to steel dies in a drop hammer
as follows

Secure to the bed of the drop hammer a
piece of steel or die, the upper end of which
is the exact diameter of the Coin to be
transferred - say a half dollar.

Fit a strong ring around the upper
end of this die, to receive the half dollar
and to hold it on the top of this die,
and to receive and support the upper
die hereafter described - The upper end
of the ring should be a little flared so
as to receive the upper die readily.

Prepare for the upper die a piece of
fine soft steel, the exact diameter of the
Coin & from 2 to 6 inches long, with one
end highly polished - This is also to fit
the ring closely.

When place the coin within the
ring on the top of the lower die, and
have the elevated hammer ready to fall

at any instant.

Heat the polished end of the upper die to a red heat by holding it in melted lead which prevents oxidation, and when hot transfer it quickly to its place and let the hammer fall on it when it will receive the impression from the cold coin.

In this case only the upper die receives the impression; and allowance must be made in the size of the ring for the expansion of the upper die by the heat.

I think both dies may be made to receive the impression at once by a suitable arrangement to heat both, with the ring attached to one, and then all will expand together; in that case making the ring somewhat smaller than the coin but so as to receive it when expanded.

I do not know whether Counterfeiters have arrived at that, but should presume so. It is necessary that the coin should fit the ring that it may support the softer metal - the air may escape by fine scratches or lines running longitudinally on the inner surface of the ring.

This simple process may seem doubtful

to those who have not experimented on velocity - It cannot be done in a screw press nor by any slow motion.

I punch all the plates of the U.S. Mail passbooks, traps & iron, with a trap punch in a drop hammer. I can punch them with wood. A single steel die has been in constant use since 1841, and punched over a million of plates. I suppose it will last my life time. I have kept this more or less a secret, intending to patent it in proper time. I can also punch faster than in a screw or toggle press. This is the same principle as that of the transfer alone - by velocity.

Perhaps the plan would be better than that adopted at the Mint for punching, because the punch never injures the die and sharpens itself by the blow on the metal.

Very Respectfully
John Easton
St. Louis, Mo.

To Mr. Patterson Esq
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

New York April 29th 1860
Treasurer of the Mint

Sir
Will you
oblige us by sending us the Assay of
Certificate No 1800 deposited April 13th
by us.

J. W. Allen
1315 Hudson St.
New York

No 11 Nassau Street New York

April 29, 1850.

My dear Sir,

I take the liberty to trouble you with an inquiry concerning the sand which comes from California containing gold. A friend of mine thinks he has discovered a method for obtaining the finest gold from sand in a very simple and cheap method. Dr. Dorey of Princeton is testing the discovery and we wish to get for the doctor some of the sand in which the gold exists in the smallest size. I have made every effort to get some of the sand here but have not succeeded and it has struck me that you may be able to direct me how to procure a pound or two of it. If you can aid me in this you will greatly oblige me.

Mrs Alexander and I shall be most happy to see you at our house in New York whenever business or pleasure may call you to New York. We live at No 77 East 27th Street.

I am with sincere respect

Very truly Yours,

Henry M. Alexander.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, ~~Feb 25~~ April 29, 1850.

Gentlemen,

I thank you sincerely for your letter of the 27th inst., and particularly for your having again taken measures for obtaining ^{the} information respecting the cost of coinage of California gold in London.

The statement from Paris which you had sent to me, corresponds remarkably well with the results obtained at this Mint. Lately we have received some deposits of gold dust that lost considerably more on melting than heretofore. The reason was apparent, and was owing to the ~~neglect~~ ^{neglect} of a large quantity of grains of oxide of iron from the gold which ^{they} accompanied.

It has been asserted that, in consequence of the delay of payment by this Mint, large quantities of California gold are sent ^{hence} to England. Can you give me any information upon this subject? If gold thus sent, do you know whether it has been done to be returned to the United States in coin, or ^{in the way of} remittances to England Europe, which would otherwise have been made in specie? Can you ^{learn} from any one who has shipped such bullion the gold amount which was ^{incidentally} ~~quitted~~ ^{quitted}, and the charges & delay of securing the coin? Can you learn what is the price given for the gold at the Bank of England?

R. M. P.

Wm. - Jas. G. King & Sons, }
New York.

R. M. Patterson Esq

Trustees of the Philadelphia

New York 30th April 1850

Dear Sir

We learn from Mr. Sturges that the
dinner resulting from the Silver Baking & other one mint
receipts nos 72, 73 & 74, an application will be made for delivery
on the 10th of May - The sum is \$26.00.

May I be trouble you to inform us if
this is so and may we request that you will have
the dinner kept for us until Thursday by which time
on receipt of your reply we shall have our receipt
presented at the Mint.

With sincere apologies for again
troubling you and many thanks for
your kind attention to our previous requests

We are

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Ward Pice

Ans. that 72 & 73 O. be paid. 74 must be postponed.

Albino Hill N.Y.
Apr 31st

Dr Sir I wish to ask you whether
any five or ten cent pieces have
ever been coined at the mint without
having on them the stars

My reason for asking is, that
my business brings into my hands
numbers of them & often these without
the stars have been called bogus &
refused.

I leave you the desired
information by return mail & oblige

Yours Resp^{ly}

J. T. Madsen

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 31, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor of presenting the following statements, in the belief that you will find them of interest.

The Deposits for Coinage, ^(in part when being estimated) during the month ^{estimating the value of these statements} which has just closed, are as follows.

California Gold	\$ 2,270,000
Other gold	150,000
Silver	30,000
Total of Deposits	\$ 2,450,000.

The Coinage during the same month ^{was} as follows.

Gold	\$ 3,100,000
Silver	25,000
Copper	2,462
Total of Coinage	\$ 3,125,462.

The amount of California Gold received for coinage exceeds, by \$ 305,000, that of any former month, and yet the ^{amount of} Coinage of Gold is greater ^{than} that previously deposited, by \$ 680,000.

Wm. Bennett Mumfitt
Secretary of the Treasury

[Signature]
J. M. L.

There have been paid, during the month of May,
the following sums:

In gold, paid at the Mint -

\$ 2,981,522.46

" Paid at New York -

1,257,533.28

Total payments in Gold -

4,239,055.74

In Silver, at the Mint -

42,192.97

Total payments, during the month

\$ 4,303,248.71

R. M. P.

Secy

Wm. Allen Meredith,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 10, 1850.

Sir,

I am at length enabled to comply with your request regarding a substitute for the copper cent, the weight and size of which ^{has become} is a subject of complaint.

A cent of standard silver would be entirely too small for use. It is necessary therefore, for your object, to use a much baser metal, and the proportion which is judged to be the best is an incusion of our present standard, - this being 9 parts silver to 1 of copper, and that selected for the cent is ^(being) 1 part silver to 9 of copper.

To give greater breadth to the coin, and to distinguish it from all others, it has been thought proper to make a perforation in the middle of the piece.

I send you some specimens of the new cent piece. They are of the proper weight and standard, but the designs are imperfect. A better design is sent to you herewith.

The proposed coin belongs to the billon cast, respecting which I have already presented my objections to you; but it seems to be the only combination that will serve ^{for} the object in view.

The value of the silver in this coin is $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cent; the value of the copper is $\cdot 07$, thus making the intrinsic value $\cdot 74$. To this are to be added the cost of coining, ^{of the present} transportation the coin, &c. The intrinsic value of the Copper Cent is much less.

I take the liberty of sending the enclosed Bill for your consideration. It is probably imperfect, but I believe that it contains the most important ^{provisions} subjects ~~is~~ general.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director

Hon. Dr. J. Dickinson,
U. S. Senator

^{withstanding}
in Act for the Coinage of a Cent piece, com-
posed of Copper and Silver.

Section 1. Be it enacted &c. That from and
after the passage of this Act, it shall be lawful to
coin, at the Mint of the United States and its Branches,
pieces of one cent, ^{to be composed of} ~~which shall contain~~ one-tenth
~~part~~ silver, and ninety-ninth ^{parts} copper, and ^{to be} of the
weight of twenty-five grains; ^{and which coins shall be a legal}
^{tender in payment for any sum of money}
^{less than one dollar.}

Sect. 2. And be it further enacted, That in adjust-
ing the weight of said piece of one cent, there shall
be no greater deviation allowed than one and a half grains
in the single piece, and these penny weights in a de-
livery of one thousand pieces, and in the composition of
the metals, there shall be no greater deviation allowed
from the proportion of Silver, than one-tenth of that
proportion.

Sect. 3. And be it further enacted, That the device
on said coin shall express the title United States of America,
its year of coinage, its legal value, and its proportion of
silver.

Act. 4. And be it further enacted, That to secure a due conformity to the foregoing standards of weight and fineness, the same trial shall be made, and ^{at the same time, as is provided in the act of January 18, 1837, Sects 49 and 50, relative to the Mint and Coinage.}

Sect. 5. And be it further enacted, That the said coins shall be paid, at the Mint and Branches when they are struck, and at such other places or offices as may be the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, in exchange for gold and silver coins of the United States, and in sums not less than five dollars worth at a time, and

Sect. 6. And be it further enacted, That the said coins may, at the discretion of the Director of the Mint, be delivered in any of the principal cities and towns of the United States, at the cost of the Mint for transportation.

Sect. 7. And be it further enacted, That the profits arising from this coinage shall be used to pay the expense of transportation of the coins, and if there be still a surplus, the same shall be appropriated to defray the contingent expenses of the Mint or Branch Mint where such profits shall have accrued.

Sect. 8. And be it further enacted, That the penalties for making and uttering counterfeit of the copper coins of the United States, as provided by the act of March 3d 1825, Sections 20, 21, be extended to include counterfeit of the coins heretofore provided for.

Elizabethtown May 31st - 50

Mr. Edward Speague

Sir, I have not yet received
the statement you proposed sending of the small
deposit made on the 16th of April, to be carried
in 7 weeks, which term will expire on Tuesday
next. May I trouble you for a statement before
that time, I will give you so kind as to send
me for a particular reason the same gold & no
other (in Eagles, halves, & qrs as directed)
by Adams express when I send the certificate
& by so doing you will truly oblige me

Yours with great respect

Mr. Gertrude Hoyt

Elizabethtown N. York

P.S.

The number of the
certificate is 1856.

Baltimore May 31st 1850.
To the Treas. of the U.S. Mint, Phila.
We have
deposited this evening with Adams & Co.
Express, a package of Gold dust, (California,
Containing, One Hundred, twenty five, Ozs, &
when Assayed. Please send us Certificate
of the Am^t, that we may draw for it.

The original pkgd directed to us
is enclosed by one directed to you.

Your early attention will greatly
oblige us, as we wish to inform our
Correspondent in California, the Am^t.
as his former consignments gold had
realized about 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ pr oz.

Freight & chg are all paid.

Respectfully Yrs &c.
Wamboldt & Thomas



New York May 30 1830

Mr Patterson Esq Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Enclosed we hand you copy of the
answers received by us to the questions
contained in your letter of 25 April in regard
to the usage &c of bullion - which we trust
will answer your purposes

We remain Yours Respy
James H. Kingston

Copy
Answer to the enquiries of Messrs James & Wm & Sons
respecting the English Mint regulations; and the sale of
gold in London

The charges made by the private refiners in London
are - $\frac{1}{5}$ per 8 Troy for melting gold
4/- " " " refining

The assay of California Gold varies from a few grains worse,
to a few grains better than English mint Standard.

The English Mint receives only Standard Gold
and a delay of from 2 to 6 weeks takes place before the
coined Gold is delivered - They make no charge for
coining, but do not take less amounts than a sum
of £10,000 - value -

The Bank of England are bound by their Charter to
purchase gold at the rate of $77\frac{1}{9}$ for Ounce Standard
(that is $\frac{1}{2}$ below the mint price of £3.17.10 $\frac{1}{2}$)

It is found more advantageous to sell to the Bank,
than to have the Gold coined at the Mint; as in
addition to the loss of Interest during the time the
bullion is retained there, the charges of converting
Gold into Standard are greater than for merely
refining it.

London always &
Charges

The Service of the same is fully supplied with
according to the list of supplies, and no change is
necessary. But the other list from Mr. Smith
is returned in full of orders, in his department
and he is in doubt that the supplies are
sufficient for the wants of that department in
the present season. It is supplied at a reasonable
rate of cost, of the form indicated in the
word, under which is a small paper upon which
the list of orders is referred to of the
Royal House, which is a list.

Of the J. P. Williams
M. for David Smith
New York
May 29/52.

Mr Inowdon New York May 29-1850

Dear Sir I forward to you
some badly printed Testimonials of the
efficacy & power of Mr Dicks press and
wish we might have a fair hearing by
those directing matters at the mint with
respect to furnishing at least one of the
coining machines to be used in that Establis-
-hment. Mr Dick has perfected the
department of Mechanics relating to force
& friction, and it will be but justice to
him that a well constructed machine should
grace the mint. The arrangement is sus-
-ceptible of great beauty, as well as the move-
-ment and it can be more cheaply constructed
and we shall be pleased to place in the
mint one of our machines subject entirely
to the judgment of those to whom judgment
belongs in the matter both as to quality &
price. I believe your personal wishes
would be in his favor if you are convinced
that the interests of the public will be
advanced and I believe no skeptic in mechanics
can gainsay its claims.

With Respect

Joseph E Holmes

Agent for David Dick

794. Washington. St. N.Y.

Wash D. C. Phil. May 29, 1850.

Dear Sir,

I have received this morning your letter regarding the error in the Latin inscription on the reverse side of the medal voted by Virginia to General Scott. The die will be sent without delay to Mr Wright at New York. Unfortunately it has been hardened, and this may increase the difficulty of correcting the error.

Yours
Wm D

His Excellency
Wm B. Floyd
Governor of Virginia

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Philadelphia

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ALL INDENTURES
for the purchase of any land
must be made within 10 days of delivery
otherwise they will not be allowed
in the settlement

Bought & Tennig & Co.

Nº 56 South Front St

Importers of Drugs, Dye stuffs and Manufacturers of Coffees, Salutes, Lime Oil, Vitriol & other Chemicals.
Cocoa, Mace, Black Pepper, Macerials, Sugar, Ammonia &c. &c.

28 MOORE STREET, NEW-YORK,

Tuesday, May 28th, 1850.

DEAR SIR,

I regret to inform you of the total destruction of my store, **No. 3 FRONT STREET**, together with its contents by fire, which occurred on Friday night last. It is supposed to have originated with a parcel of cotton taken in on storage. My stock was very light and principally confined to the first floor and cellar. The store was fully covered by insurance, and the stock sufficiently so to protect myself and customers from any loss. All my books and valuable papers were preserved—consequently, the principal loss will be the general derangement of every thing, which I trust will be only for a short time.

I now occupy my rear and connecting store, **No. 28 MOORE STREET**, where I am fully prepared to attend to business as heretofore. I would respectfully solicit a continuation of your business, and assure you increased exertions shall be made to give satisfaction; at the same time I would ask the kind indulgence of correspondents for a few days, until I get fairly settled in my new position. I have already about consummated arrangements for the speedy re-construction of **No. 3 FRONT STREET**, and confidently expect to be fully established there again, within sixty days from this time, with increased facilities for doing business.

Respectfully yours,

SAMUEL PERRY.

P. S.—New Cheese and Butter are both in good demand—the former at 6½ to 7 cts.; latter 16 to 17 cts.

To the Honorable of the Court I am disappointed in not receiving the Assay of the gold left by Mr. Carter which he informed me would be sent forward on Monday. I much respectfully call your attention to same and request that you will forward the same to me as a gift of this — if not already forwarded —

gratefully oblige

Your attention to same will
Respectfully Yrs
S. Perry

204 June 5 1850

Mont U. S. Phil. 25 May 1880.

Sir,

Your letter dated the 25th ult was not received until this morning.

The analyses which were made for Col. Fremont were done for him personally, and we do not therefore feel authorized to give the results without his consent. I must therefore refer you to him, either for a copy of the results, or for authority to me to present them to you.

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R. M. D.

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J. D. Sargent, Esq. }
Rathbun's Hotel }
New York. }

Minist of the United States,
Philad^a May 27. 1858.

Sir, I have rec^d this morning your letter
of the 25th inst, together with the enclosures
stated, viz: Transfer drafts No. 44, 45 &
46 in my favor on the afo. Treas. U.S. at New York
for \$500,000 each, say \$1,500,000. This amount
when rec^d, I will please to give credit on
the Bullion acc at the Mint.

I am very very,
Yours &c &c

(signed)

James Pop. Snyder
Treas. U.S. Mint.

Wm. Selde Esq,
Treas. U.S.
(Washington City)

Office of the Assistant
Treasurer, New York,
31st May 1850.

To James Rop Sherriden, Esq.,
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your
letter of the 25th instant, and of a communication
from the Secretary of the Treasury, of the same date
and to the same effect. We shall furnish you
all the facilities necessary to the payments mentioned,
and you will be able to transact the business
here with very little labor and with much dis-
patch.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

A. V.
Amos Aug. Treas.

New York. May 28. 1858.

My dear Sir,

I reached this City last evening in time to
make arrangements to commence the payments to day.
I mentioned to one estimable clerk that I could inform
you of the number of the deposits that I might pay
each day, this was ex majora cautela to avoid any.
but I find the number to great. That I have concluded
that the better plan will be to send the mint certificates
which I accordingly do, by Messrs. Adams & Co's
Express. You will see that I have paid today
the large number of 206. certificates amount-
ing to \$1,156,456.⁰¹/₁₀₀.

I have noticed on the margin of each
certificate the letter "P". When I return. I can
recount these and all others which I may
subsequently pay. From present appearances
I think it quite likely that my \$1,500,000
will be exhausted tomorrow. If so, I
cannot I must stop. at all events I will
close the transactions on Thursday, I will hand
over that day or Friday.

I write in haste. and am with great
Respectful friend

J. R. M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint.

James R. Sanden

New York May 25th
1850

Dr. Sir

Will you have the kindness
to give me result of the analysis which
you made for Col. Fremont; some
days since?

By doing so you will
confer a favor

Yours respectfully

J. D. Sargent

Rathbun Hotel

Dr. Patterson.

Mint of the United States.
Treas^r's office Phila. May 25. 1850.

Sir,

~~I wish to carry out~~

I expect to receive ~~to receive~~ on Monday
or Tuesday next three treasury drafts on you
for \$500,000 each. When I receive these drafts
it is my intention to go to New York
and pay at your office any mint certificates
which may be presented for payment. This
arrangement is ~~made in~~ authorized by
the Secretary of the Treasury in compliance with
a suggestion I made in view of the expense
and delay which would attend the trans-
portation of the money to the Mint and
back to New York, inasmuch as about
the same amount which it is proposed to draw
upon you, is due to depositors in
~~New York~~ ^{New York}. I propose to limit the trans-
action to three days, after that time the certificates
must be paid at the Mint as usual.
I have no doubt that your ~~kind~~ ^{friendly}
~~protection~~ ^{protection} offers me all the facilities I may
need in making payments from your office.

Hon. John P. Quincy
and Son, N.Y.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES

25 May 1850

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of this substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

7402. 2651 — \$ 8000.

Executive Department
Richmond Va May 25 1850.

To Dr Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Dear Sir.

I find upon examining the
plaster casts made from the die for the "Scott
Medal" that by some unaccountable accident,
the instruction I gave to correct the bad letter
of the inscription has not been complied with.
This must be done - I must therefore trouble
you to send the dies back to Mr. Wright at
New York, who has my instructions.

I regret exceedingly to trouble you so much;
but I am sure the reason for it will be by
you considered amply sufficient.

With the highest regard & consideration

I am, Sir, very truly

Yours ob. Servt.
John B Floyd

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Treasury of the U. States
May 25th 1850

Sir

Enclosed you will receive three Transfer Drafts in your favor, Viro.
N^o 44. on the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York. for \$500,000--
" 45 on Ditto at D^o for 500,000--
" 46 on Ditto at D^o for 500,000--
in all \$1,500,000. which you will please ^{pass} to the credit of my
Account on your Books.

I am Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servant,

Wm. S. V.
Treas^r U.S.

The Treasurer of the Mint of the U.S.

at Philadelphia

Treasury Department
May 23. 1860.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, received yesterday, I would remark that no law has yet been passed by Congress authorizing the increase of the deposit with the Mint for the purpose of paying the deposits of gold for coinage.

As soon as such authority shall be given, the suggestions contained in your letter will receive a careful consideration.

I am respectfully

W. A. Meredith

Secy of the Treasury.

Dr. Q. M. Patterson -
Director of the Mint
Philad.^a

P.S. Since the above was written I have ascertained that the bill has been approved by the President within the last hour.

Phila May 22/4.

G. S. Robbins Esq

The mint assay
Memo: I sent you both last, you
will please return^d to me as the
mint made an error & I will remit
you a corrected one —

G. Davis
& Adams & Co

\$

FOR COLLECTION.

On Account of

☒ **Protest, if not Paid.**

N. B.—Return Proceeds, or the Enclosed,
Without delay, by **First Express.**

ADAMS & CO.

80 CHESTNUT STREET, Philad.

Return this Envelope.

REMARKS.

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
HANKERS,
92 WALL STREET.

New York, May 23 1850

Rm Patterson Esq.
Director of the US Mint.
Philadelphia.
Dear Sir.

We are advised
by Adams & Co, of an error in the certifi-
cate recently handed to you, accompanied
by a request that we would send
the same to them for correction.

We adopt the more direct
mode of addressing ourselves to you
in the matter, asking acknowl-
edgment of receipt of the same and
an early return of the amended
certificate.

No 2124, date 10th May '50
\$10,544 1/2 Lts.

Yrs Truly
G. S. Robbins & Son

I complained to the Magistrate that they were treating
them in an unbecoming and defamatory manner
concerning of his office

"We must take him and us" said one

"So much the worse. the office is doubtless your
defence our City of the honor of the name - & add to
the office by and drawing an additional citizen"

I am happy to hear that the Chairman of the Committee
on Commerce does not favor the New York project, and
he is not less kind to Philadelphia. for one or
two notes that I have given. for Baltimore

- If we could dispose of the territorial question, and get
at the legitimate or ordinary business of legislation
we should get some order & I think. do some it
I thank you for your private note - The argument
is rather fact sent to me. I shall see as well as I
can

I am very truly Yours

Josh Chandler

House of Representatives
Washington May 23 1850

Dr R M Patterson.

Dear Sir, while I was reading
your yesterday. Mr Phoenix of New York reported to
the house a bill for establishing a mint in New York
this was unexpected run to the Chairman of the Committee
but it was done. and before I had had time to read
all of the bill which you transmitted to me. I offered it
as an amendment to, & substitute for, that of Mr Phoenix.
I moved an order to have it printed and that I refer
to the Committee of the whole, to that the evening I joined
nothing. Subsequently a member from New York who
takes a deep interest in the 'Branch Mint bill' & had
become alarmed at my amendment (which of course
was not read when offered) went to the Clerk's table
presented the amendment with cover and then told me
that he should try hard for the Branch - but my
substitute was good & might be satisfactory -
I do not think that the 'Branch Bill' can pass the
house - though as for say the argument is strong
for New York

New York May 23rd 1850
 James R. Leonard
 care of W. L. Hart
 Esq.

We have received your
 sample of paper drawn from a lot of Twenty
 Barrels and find it worth as per the sample
 31 cents per lb. dried.

Respectfully Yours
 Wm. L. Hart
 per C. W. Hart

112 46.04

41 -

2144.97 -
 5
 107.2485

107

2144.97
 232.38
 1912.59

2144.97
 107.24
 2037.73

Oxford May 23 - 1850
J R Snowden Esq
Dear Sir

I have this day
made a draft on you in favour of W. C. Curren
-Esq for the amount of my deposit
agreeable to your official statement
Yours very Resp
Henry Tuck

Min^r of the U. S.
Phil. May 22, 1850.

Sir,

As you are no doubt taking measures, in view of the recent law, to supply the Mint with money or bullion, in order that we may resume prompt payments, I have deemed it proper to suggest the following mode by which this object can be promptly attained, & the payment greatly facilitated.

I presume that it is intended to supply the Mint from the office of the Asst. Treas. at New York, & that in all probability that office has but a small amount in foreign coins. The Director of the Mint, in his letter to you of a recent date suggested that beside the transfer of the amount due the Assistant Treasurer's office in this city, the further sum of \$1,500,000 would be sufficient to accomplish the object in view. The amount now due to depositors at New York is about \$1,500,000. I propose that three transfer drafts be issued in my favor on the Assistant Treas. U. S. at N. York for, say, \$500,000 each, that I should go in person to that city & receive the amount & pay the Mint certificates in the office of the

Asst. Treas. there. That officer to be directed
to detail one or more of his clerks to assist
me in the payments. I would announce the
fact that the Unit Certificates would be thus
paid, and I have reason to believe that they
would be generally if not all presented in
two ~~if not~~ or at most three days, to which
period I might limit the transaction, as I
could not well be longer absent from my
official duties in this city: the balance
of any which might remain in my hands
I could bring with me, or send to the Unit
in the usual manner by Messrs. Adams & Co's
Express.

The adoption of this plan would save the trouble,
expense & delay of bringing the funds to this
city from New York & then sending them back again:
to avoid which, & to carry out the above suggested
arrangement, should it meet your approbation, I
am willing to take the labor & anxiety which
it will devolve upon me.

I deem it proper to observe that I have the
above suggestions to Dr. Patterson, the Director of the
Unit, & I am authorized to say that they meet
his entire approbation.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Yr. obt. Servt. J. R. S. Thur.

Mr. W. M. Meredith }
Sec. of Treas. }

Wash D.C. 21 May 1888.

Sir,

The expectation seems to be entertained by our depositors that, in virtue of the law recently passed by Congress, it is the intention of the Dept. to recall the Pullman Fund of the Mint as to enable us to resume our former system of prompt payment. Having, however, received no instructions from you, in relation to the subject, I take the liberty of presenting such information as will serve to point out our actual condition, and the amount necessary to secure the desirable result.

There is now in the Mint of American currency about — \$4,068,877.90
of this sum belong to private depositors about \$2,325,000

to the Mint due at this time 902,727.90

to the U.S. Pullman Fund 841,153 4,068,877.90

Supposing no drafts to be made upon our Pullman fund, and supposing the deposit of our Assistant Treas. to be recalled for, it is evident that \$2,325,000 will completely relieve us from the balance of our debt. Some of opinion, however, that a very much less sum will suffice for this purpose. If the amount due to private depositors, a considerable portion is uncollected, we find, moreover, that a large proportion of deposits is left uncollected for many days, or even weeks, after it may be claimed; added to which our currency at this time is exceedingly large, greatly exceeding our rate of deposits. In consideration of these circumstances we think that a transfer to this Mint of \$1,500,000 would enable us to resume prompt payment of signed deposits at once.

Should the condition of the Treasury admit of diverting such an amount to our use, there would be due by the Mint to the U.S.

for the present bullion fund & the proposed addition, & for the
 deposits of the West India Loan, the large amount of \$3,343,877.90
 without some operation of a return of a good part of this sum,
 it would be certainly unjust to vote the Treasury for all the assis-
 tance required. But the present officiating of the Mint renders it
 certain that before many months or even weeks, a large portion of
 the fund may be returned to the Treasury. I have to express the
 hope, however, that the Sept. 1st fund is least \$2,000,000 to
 remain in the Mint as a permanent deposit.

It will not perhaps be necessary that any very large portion
 of the fund be now required (supposing its transfer be authorized)
 shall be actually transferred to the Mint. It will doubtless be
 convenient to a large number of our depositors that the payment
 to them should be made in New York, and our Treasurer will an-
 swer to make such payments as will meet their wishes.

R. M. P.

Am. Wm. Mendenhall }
 Secy. Treas.

May 18, 1850. Uncoinced Gold Bullion
 in the U. S. Mint this day } \$4,068,877.90

Belonging to private depositors .
 \$2,325,000.—

Ap. & De. U. S. 902,727.90

U. S. Bullion Fund 841,150.—

\$4,068,877.90

902,727.90
 841,150.—
 4,068,877.90

Per,

	Deposits	Chester	\$5,682.16
"	Cal. Million	"	11,394,858
"	all other gold		<u>657,791</u>
Total ^{gold} deposits - 18 mo's -			<u>\$17,661,865</u>

Wm. of the U.S.
Phil. May 20, 1850.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of
the 17th inst. I enclose to you a statement
the value of your gold deposits of the
27th Dec. last.

It is proper to remark that your
deposits has been payable for more
than a month past.

Very respectfully

Wm. R. S.

J. R. S.

Treas.

Mr. Henry Tew
Newport,
R. I.

Wm. Follen Esq.

My dear Sir,

Will you allow me to trouble you

much?

I desire to know the

the amount of foreign coin - received at the mint from the 1st Nov
1848 to the 1 May 1850 - & the gold -

the amount of Californian gold - during the same period

the amount of other gold - during the same period -

Respectfully Yours

Charles Sumner

th. of Rep. 20 May 1850.

Washington May 18
1850

er

I send you the former
sketch & will send bill
when printed. They are for
two bills united. I do
not now want any more speci-
mens sent. I may hereafter &
will advise you long

R. S. Williams

Am Natl Paltus

Mint of the U. S.
Phil. May 18, 1857.

Gentlemen,

In compliance with your letter of the 17th inst., I enclose you the statement of the value of your deposits. On inquiry, I am informed by Mr. Sprague that the agent who brought the gold for you, did not request the statement to be sent you.

I will be prepared to pay your deposits in the early part of next week, on the presentation of the Mint receipt with your endorsement.

Very respectfully,

Yr. obt. servt.

J. R. S.

Pear,

Messrs. E. W. Durhan & Son, }
New York. }

Dept of the United States

Treasury Office, Philad. May 18/50

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have the honor to inform you that a regular account is kept of the sources from whence Bullion is received at the Mint under the name of "Bullion". The Director of the Mint reports the same monthly to the Secretary of the Treasury, and embodies the whole in his annual report to the President.

I inclose you a printed report for the year 1849. The report for 1849 I believe has not yet been printed. I send you however a statement, (Letter A.) showing the whole amount received from Mines of the U.S. at all the Mints up to the close of the year 1849. Statement B. also incloses, exhibits the sources from whence Bullion was received for the year 1849. Statement C. presents the coinage of the first four months of the year 1850, and the sources whence received. I may add as a matter of interest and information, that we have coined during the present month, being eighteen days, the sum of \$1,903,320.

I am &c

J. R. S.

Thos. C. Whittlesey,

1st Comptroller

Wash. D. C. 15 May 1877.

12,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask my opinion as to the expediency of changing the alloy of our gold coins, so as to avoid the necessity of separating the silver from the Cal. gold.

In reply I have to state that the measure, so far as relates to the existing mints, is unnecessary, unnecessary, and unjust to the owners of that bullion. The amount of silver in that gold is so considerable, that after all the deductions made for the expense of its separation, a very considerable margin of profit is left to the depositories. Were we, therefore, to leave it in the coins, since there are no large repairs in this country except those in the mints, the owners of Cal. bullion would be strongly tempted to export it to Europe, to secure the profit of the parted silver, & even our coins themselves would be sent over for the same purpose.

The motive which has led to the suggestion of this measure has, no doubt, been to add to the Mint in the depositories to which it has been brought from the necessity of parting with this bullion. While, however, such a remedy could at no time have been recommended, it has now become unnecessary, any more on that ground, since I have the pleasure to state that during the present month our coinage and parting have progressed at a rate which is doubtless that of our average depositories for the past 4 mos, and which would

enable us, in all probability, (without the aid which we
may anticipate from the increase of our tolling fund,) to
resume prompt payments in from 2 to 3 mths. Our
gross receipts from the 1st. to the 17th. was \$1,880,520,
while our average gross deposits are, (from the Commence-
ment of the present year,) but \$1,630,000 per month.

In reference to the necessity of allowing a large dis-
cretion as to the amount of balance to be left in the
gross receipts of the proposed Cal. which I have
already expressed my opinion in a letter of the
1st. of last. It is manifestly im-

practicable to establish a refinery in that Country, at
the present time, at such charges for parting as would
secure any benefit to the depositor for the separation
of his silver. The Cal. coins, therefore, may with
great propriety be altogether alloyed with Silver.

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R. M. P.

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Hon. W. M. Meredith
Secy. of the Treasury

Copy
12th Mch 18

After reflection I am of opinion that the
Mills Refinery should be connected with the mint
of Silver Alloy in Gold Digits in all cases
where the Depositor obtains Silver certificates,
any small allowances, which the Refinery
may make, guided by experience, is only
calculated to cover the actual loss of silver
during the operation of Separating, to which
a Depositor receives a certificate of Silver
separated from Gold, these persons, notwithstanding
of said Refinery in the possession of the
Mills Refinery, but the small loss of Gold
and such amount of Silver that he has
already been charged with. The particular
charge on the Silver certificate for silver alloy
is $\frac{1}{40}$ of the Standard weight at \$1.22
pr. oz. - The object of this charge being
expressly stated, I can see no reason why
it should not practically be so applied.

(Signed) respectfully
Wm. P. Hunt
Assayr

Copy.

1850
No 235 Mar. 14

I beg leave to enquire of the Superintendent whether the charge for Silver Alloy is intended to cover the Miller & Refiner's Wastage, and ought to be credited to him or to go to the credit of Profit and Loss account, as at present.

The Depositor has to pay \$1.²⁷/₁₀₀ for every ounce of Silver necessary to make his deposits into Standard Gold, the Miller & Refiner has to put in the Silver, but where shall he get it from, if not from the Treasurer, and keep within the wastage limits.

If we should have 200,000 ounces of Gold it would require 6000 ounces of Silver, (supposing that the Ores delivered contain on an average 30 oz of Silver), and no provision is made for refund that to the Miller & Refiner?

Would it not be just to credit the Miller & Refiner with the Silver delivered by him to the Treasurer in his gold bars?

Respectfully
W. D. Engstrom
(Signed)

Treasury Department
Comptroller's office
May 17 1849.

Sir,

Will you please inform me whether upon the receipt of Gold and Silver Bullion to be coined, or Gold and Silver in Coins to be recoined, you keep an account of what is imported from Foreign Countries, distinct from that produced from the Mines in the United States. The Assayers reports transmitted here with your accounts show to some extent from whence the Bullion comes - but as the accounts are rendered, it would be an endless task to ascertain the exact amount.

It is important to keep an account of American Gold and Silver separate from Foreign Gold and Silver, in order to ascertain the produce from year to year, and the value of the mining of the United States -

An early answer is requested.

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittelsey

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint }
Phila. }

Treasury Department
May 19. 1850.

Sir

I will thank you for your
opinion as to the expediency of changing the
alloy of the Gold coins of the U. States, so as
to avoid the necessity of separating the
silver from the Gold found in California.
I am very Resp^t.

W. H. Smith
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. W. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Happy May 17 1850

Dear Sir

Please to inform me by Return Mail, the
Amount of the Result of the Gold sent to the
Mint, & the per Centage to 991
With the Particulars

I Oblige Yours

Henry Jones

Treasurer of the Mint New York May 17th 1850.
Philad^a

Sirs

On the 10 April ulto. we de-
posited for coinage 28,500 Ounces of
Gold Bullion, as per receipt No 1699 Signed
Ed. Sprague for the Treasurer. We have
received no certificate of Value for this
parcel, altho we have, for some deposi-
ted long since, and fearing something er-
roneous about it, we much wish to state
the fact, - It may have been overlooked
being a small amount.

Very respectfully
Yours ob^{ly}
E. W. Dunham Secy

Wappingers Falls
May 16. 1850

Dear Sir, I am in want of some information
and I know of no other way than by troubling
you. I desire to know what is the value of a
good Article of California Gold per ounce, and
what the expense of Coining it per ounce is.
I have a small Assortment of Gold and
desire it coined -

Will you do me the favor of giving me
an early Answer to the above, and also how
soon should I send mine to you could it
be coined - By so doing you will confer
a favor upon me.

Very Respectfully Yours
Henry Downing,
Wappingers Falls, N.Y.
Dutchess Co
N.Y.

To. Patterson Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Act. of the U.S.
the May 16, 1851.

Sir, I have yr. letter of the 14th inst. The statement to which you refer, viz. "that gold certificates are now payable on presentation", which I presume means that they are payable without delay, is erroneous. The pay in the order is what the deposits have been made in, say for 5 to 7 weeks after the gold has been deposited for coinage. A bill is pending at Washington which if passed will enable us to pay nearly as soon as the value of the deposits is determined by an assay. That bill proposes to give the Sec. of the Treasury power to increase our bullion fund for the above purpose.

In reply to yr. second inquiry, I have to state that a simple endorsement on the Ohio certificate is all that is necessary to enable us to pay the holder of the certificate who presents it for payment.

Very Resp.
Wm. O. Smith

Geo. P. Bissell, Esq.
Hartford, Ct.

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House of Representatives
Washington May 16 1850

Dear Sir

You will have seen before this reaches you that the bill for augmenting the available funds of the mint for purchasing bullion, has passed the House and the amendment of the Senate - that is, allowing the Secretary to appropriate for that purpose as much money as ^{may be} necessary, if he could spend it -

I had received and was ready to append an amendment making the certificates of deposit payable - payable at any of the branch mints - or perhaps by most of the sub-treasuries - but the house was in an inauspicious mood and was willing to pass bills - but unwilling to discuss amendments - and, on consulting with a few friends we concluded that the best mode of the country would be to let the bill pass - and if it was deemed necessary to send another the proposed amendments in a separate bill and pass that at some future time - I think that we were right - considering the feelings of the house and the wants of the country. We had calls for ^{help} ~~the~~ the Commercial cities to pass the bill -

In conversation with the Chairman of the Committee to-day he said that I would better state all facts & supply

arguments

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to sustain the Philadelphia Mint - as the question would
be at once settled - to erect a Branch Mint in New York
or to transfer to that City the Principal Mint. and Mr
Jas. S. Kery ^(also) through a representative for New Jersey is a Market
Quarter 1. is of the Committee

Have you any more facts than these you have supplied to me,
^{one} or any argument support itself to you beyond what you have
stated? The feeling of the Chairman is favorable to us. and
the feeling of many members are also with us - but there
are so many collateral considerations that we must keep
ourselves about - For example: if a tariff vote should be
secured by voting to remove the mint - you will see that
the consideration is not small; what I mean, is, to keep both
the tariff vote & the mint. - I have every reason to believe
that the bill to erect a branch mint in New York will pass
the Senate. a compromise to, or compromise with Mr. Dickinson's
Our hope is then in the house. and we must be prepared
to sustain ourselves by arguments. pretty certainly as you will
readily comprehend that. Great impression will be made by the act
of the fact that the bullion, gold & silver coins arrive
principally at New York from abroad. - Have you thought
of the expedient of an Assay Office in New York - and the
right of the Government there, to pay the certificate of
assay at once? - If we could put a branch mint

in California all would be easy - but California is
not on favor on the strongest side of the house, especially
when in California. The 14th of March has on the
floor of the house thirty-four representatives - all of
whom are non-slavery

Allow me to suggest that statements of facts, such as what
you may favor me to make separate from any hints
or suggestions which you may be kind enough to make - The
former I would show with others, the latter I would be
proper for me to use

I have some other ideas which I wished to offer to you but
on looking at the condition of my Orthography I cannot
satisfy my conscience in reflecting upon you the burden
of deciphering any more of my misapprehensions -

Will you at your earliest convenience let me hear from you
please me always with great respect

Your friend & servant

J. R. Chandler

to R M Patterson

Massachusetts

Norfolk May 10th 1850

Sir,

I should be happy to know what is the value of the lot of Gold dust No. 2059, weighing thirty three $\frac{27}{100}$ ounces, if it has been assayed, and also, at what time, it will be properly coined.

Respectfully &

Yours Wt. Servt.

R. L. Page

Edward Sprague Esq. Lieut. W. S. Army
U. S. Mint

Phicae Sophia

20594

Hartford Ct. May 14, 1856

Treasurer of the Maine

Dr Sir

A statement has been going the rounds of the papers in this region that Gold Certificates are now payable on presentation. Will you have the goodness to inform me if this is true. Will you also inform me how the Certificate must be endorsed in order to make them negotiable. ~~Can they~~ Will an endorsement such as is used on Bill of Exchange be sufficient.

By dropping me a line in answer to this question you will very much oblige

Yours obt servt

Geo P. Pierce

G. B. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
11 WALL STREET.

New York, May 13th 1850

H. M. Patterson Esq
Director of US Mint
Phil^a. Pa.

We send by Adams Ex.
Express. one parcel of Gold Dust for Louisa
as at foot—

Yours Respectly
G. B. Robbins & Son
per J. Robbins

A. M. Tanison
Special Agent to Coulam's. 165th annexed

Chief of the United States

Philadelphia May 11. 1850.

c.c.

I have rec'd from Messrs Adams the six bags of
English gold, said to contain \$30,000. - I was
in hopes that we would be able to weigh them
to day, but such is the press of business in
that department that I must claim your
indulgence until Monday. I have no doubt
but what I will find the amount to correspond
with the sum stated in your letter.

Very respy

Your Oble Servt

(Signed, - La Harpe Snowden

Secretary

Franklin Haven Esq.

Adm'l House U. S. at
Boston Mass

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S. Mint
Boston 11th May 1851.

Sir

On the 7th Inst I transmitted
to you by Adams & Co's Express \$30,000—
in English Gold for recoinage. I have
informed you if it has been received.

Dear Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Serv^t

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U.S. Mint

James R. Thompson Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philad^a

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
21 WALL STREET.

New York, May 11th 1850

A. M. Patterson Esq
Director of Mount
Pleasant

Dear Sir

We send by Adams's Express a

Small parcel of Gold dust for coinage
as per memo at foot.

G. S. Robbins & Son,
per A. Robbins

Parcel marked
W. R. Robinson

on dust 825.
44. 0. 15.

92.44
146.88
1.44
148.32
48.88

281
14.039

13.859
6569
5564
14038

10.03
50.03
13.85
19726

11.3495
91757
42321
197257

49.44
1.44
48.88
48.88
48.88

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

May 9th 1850

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your Bulletin accounts for the 1st Quarter of 1850

Respectfully,

Your obt Servt

J. L. Smith

1st Auditor

To
James Lewis Stanton Esq
Treasury &c
Philadelphia

Senate Chamber
Washington May
8 1850

or for

allow me to

warrant you that
I have not been
familiar with the pro-
posed new code yet

Yrs truly

A. A. Lincoln

Hon R. Patterson

Washington. C. R. Ohio, May 8, 1850

Director of the U. S. Mint

Dear Sir—

Be so kind as to inform
me by return mail what you will give in coin for
gold dust per oz. — I have a small deposit on hand
which was taken out of the Auburn diggings on the
North Fork of American River—California. Your
prompt attention to this request will be very thankfully
received.

Respectfully &c

S. H. Freeman

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
22 WALL STREET.

New York, May 8th 1857

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of U.S. Mint
Phil^a

D^r Sir We herewith
invoice of Gold Dust forwarded by Adams Co,
Express to day - You will much oblige us
by granting separate receipts, as noted on the
invoice

Yours Respectly
G. S. Robbins & Son
by A. Robbins

Invoice of Gold Dust sent to the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia by G. S. Robbins & Son, May 8.th 1850

1 Box marked			
G. S. Robbins & Son	containing		
New York			
1 parcel Mrs John Mumble		87.15.0	
1 " G. S. Robbins & Son			
1 " do		562.10.0	
1 " W. R. Reclman		312.10.0	
1 " B. B. Howard		187.10.0	
1 " J. W. Fearnoll		125.0.0	
1 " Jones & Whelanight		25.0.0	
1 " Jonathan Woolcott		24.0.0	
1 " Margaret Clark		17.1.6	
1 " Pender & Alden		26.10.0	
1 " R. W. Dexter		12.10.0	
1 " Henry & Sharpless		8.16.22	
		1439.3.4	

Separate
receipt

Separate receipt

1 Box marked			
C. P. Overick	no weight given		
New York	said to be of value \$4200		

Separate
receipt

G. S. Robbins & Son			
1 Tin pail			
1 Case	no weight — value \$10.548		

Separate
receipt

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 8 1850

Sir

Your account of Copper Coinage, for the
First quarter of 1850, has been adjusted at the Treasury,
and a balance stated to be due from you of \$ 1,482.39
which agrees with your statement, and consists as
follows: viz.

Copper account	684.68
Copper Coinage	362.12
do do on hands of the Comr	<u>435.59</u>
	dolls <u>1,482.39</u>

Very Respectfully
Gideon Whittier.
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn^a

U. S. Mint.

Philad^a May 7. 1850.

Dear Sir,

The deposit of gold, to which
you refer in yours of the 1st inst., was made
by Mr. George T. Jones ^{of N.Y.} who ^{took} has the Miners Receipt
for it, the assay memorandum of value has also
been sent to him care of Winand Jones, New York.

I shall be ready to pay the deposit in the course
of a week, upon presentation of the Miners Re-
ceipt properly endorsed. It stands in the name
of J. Fisher. If you will ~~also~~ endorse the
Receipt with your name, we will make the
it correspond.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Theor.

Wm Robert J. Feltz Esq
York
Pa.

Mount of the M. S.
Philad^a May 7. 1850.

Dear Sir, I have yr. letter of yesterday,
enclosing a copy of yr. letter to Mr.
Dr. Galloway, former Master & Refiner of the Mint,
under date of Nov. 22. 1849.

I find on examination that
these letters do not refer to the gold
and silver sweeps which I have on hand.
The amount delivered to me by Mr. Dr. Galloway
consists of about twenty barrels of gold and
silver sweeps, of which you have not taken
any samples for an assay.

I would be glad if you will have
some samples drawn and an assay made
on which you can make an early offer
to purchase these sweeps. Very respectfully,
Comd. Sir,

(Signed) J. P. Snowden
James P. Snowden
Treasury

Messrs. Platt & Brothers
New York

Office of the Asst. Treas. U.S. State.

Boston 7 May 1858.

Sir.

I please to receive herewith
Thirty Thousand Dollars in English Gold,
the amount of which, after recouage, or
sooner if convenient, you will please transmit
to me in Eagles, double Eagles, or parts.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours obt. Servt

Franklin Haven

Asst. Treas. U.S. State.

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint.
Philad.^a

May 7th 1850

Mr. Sir - I have found a little something
In the earth
And I don't know correctly what it is
I have tried it in various ways
And I think it appears like gold
I wish that you would send me a line
As soon as possible what this kind of
Mineral this is and if it is gold tell
me in what form I shall use it to
Bring it to you when I dig it it is in
A gravelly sand this I have separated
From it

Direct your letter to the town of Clarendon
County of Adams State of N. Y.

James A. Hill

I was from home when
I wrote this line
To another post office

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Hopkinton May 4th 1850

To The Agent of U States Mint

Will
you please to attest the Locality of this
Ore that I have now sent to you,
And send to me answer as soon as
possible and you will oblige me much

Yours with Respect
Contoocook vill N H Phineas Clough 2d.
Hopkinton N Hampshire



Dear

for I had some answer of the 11th of April
and was much obliged to you for answering
me so soon I was truly some what disappointed
in the specimen of Mineral I sent you but
disappointment is very common in this life but as
my neighbors is highly excited at the thought
of good dust I want to carry on the joke a little
further and I hope you will take no offence at me if I
ask one more favour of you I am a poor man and
there is some sick Virginians who wishes to make a fortune
out of me and I willing they shall do it in that way if
any one writes to you for further information in the
subject give them no satisfaction ^{on the} subject I call the
Mineral I sent you grey gold or platinum and I want
you send me a letter back the value of grey gold
or platinum and what ~~for~~ use it is made of and all
about it and I will ever be your real friend and
bel servant Adm^r Penneshore Richie Co Va
Henry H. Dutton

R. M. Patterson

Mint of the U.S.
Treas^r Office, Phila. May 7/50.

Sir, I transmitted to you on the 1st.
inst. my Bulletin accounts of the operations of
the Mint for the 1st Qu. 1850. As I have
not rec^d your accustomed acknowledgment of their
receipt, I have deemed it proper to enquire whether
they have reached yr. office or not.

I am, with the highest respect,
Ch^rl^s Forbes W.

(signed) J. R. S.
Treas^r

W. L. Smith Esq.
1st Auditor of Treasury
Wash City

New York May 6th
Col. Snowden
Sir

With this you will find a copy
of our Letter to Mr. McCulloch. by which you
will see what our offer was for the different
Lots No 1, 2 & 3 also Lot designated by silver snipe
By Mr. McCulloch's letter of 15th of Nov 1845
they are described as follows:

Gold snipe Lot No 1. Partridge 21 to 30. Wt 2995 lbs
" " " 2. " " 11 to 20 - 5266 "
" " " 3. " " 21 to 30 -

Sir

5 or 6 Barrels

Respectfully Yours

Wm. A. Mather

J. A. Mather

Mr Platt & Brother
New York May 6 1850

\$3 Copy

New York Nov 22/49
P. J. McCulloch & Co
Sir

We have assayed the
samples of Lycopings received from you
and make the following offers as per samples

For Lot No 1	Gold sweeps	\$6.50 per 100 lbs
" " " 2	"	15.25 " 100 "
" " " 3	"	18.00 " 100 "
"	Silver	12.00 " 100 "

Respectfully Yours
Platt & Brother
per J. C. Livingston

Acce

S^r Robert Patterson
U S Mint

May 5th 1850
S^r Patterson

Dear Sir

Will you do
me the favour to
inform me whether
I am correct in the
impression that the
gold in the medal
at the U S Mint
made for me by
order of the Academy
of sciences was quite

pure
Yours
very
Robt Hall

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Very much made of fine good paper
The Refining, not mathematically pure
but such is usually in culture
For a more elegant
H. Paul

Baltimore May 5th 1850

Mr. Patterson.

Dear Sir, there is no doubt you
will be much surprised to receive this note
from a person entirely unknown to you, yet
the curiosity of knowing a Parent's history caused it.
I have never known whether my father had any
relations living in this country or no, as I never
heard from him while living. latter I was told
that you were an Uncle of his. The person
I refer to was one James Patterson Reid, an
Irishman by Birth. There is now doubt if you are
a relation of his but you will immediately recognize
the name. if you are you would confer a lasting
favor on me by letting me know it, and also if
he has any others living in this country. By so
doing you will oblige yours humbly

Servant

Wm. H. Reid?



P.S. if you answer this please direct to

Cathedral St.

B. Dear from

Byron

Baltimore

M. d.

Wt of U.S.

Ph. May 4/50.

Dear Sir, I have your letter of the 1st inst.,
and have made inquiry on the subject of
your deposits. The above receipt has not been
presented for payment and I am informed
by Messrs. Adams & Co. of the City, that they
have no knowledge of its ever having been
sent to them.

I may add that we are paying
gold deposits in about six weeks from the
date of each receipt.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy Yrs. Obedt.

(Signed) J. R. Thompson

Hon. Lawrence P. Polk.
House of Reps.
Washington City

Sonerville East Richmond May 4th 1850

Sir I have on hand some three or four hundred dollars of the California Gold and wish to get the same coined - please as soon as convenient to inform me on what conditions the same can be done - also inform me in what way in your opinion I had better remit it to you - and whether after it is coined you will remit the gold or remit by draft - The above information is desired as soon as convenient for you to give it please give it and oblige your obedient servant

Ransom Jones

To the Superintendent of
the United States Mint
in Philadelphia Pennsylvania }

P.S. Please direct your letter to Sonerville East Richmond Vermont

R. Jones

N.B. The Gold I have on hand is in ore and will yield a fair percentage

Ransom Jones

Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, May 13, 1860

Sir,

I have received that morning your letter of the 11th inst. respecting a medal voted to General Scott by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The aid which you desire has been referred to the Chief Justice of the Court, and you will see by the enclosed letter, that he willingly undertakes the work. It will be a gratification to us both, to be able to assist, even in the smallest degree, in a memorial so richly earned.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson.

The Excellency J. B. Floyd,
Governor of Virginia.

Executive Department
Richmond Va May 11. 1850

Dr L. M. Patterson

for

I learn from Mr C. C. Wright of New York, that he has transmitted to your care the dies made by him for striking the medal, voted to General Scott by the Commonwealth of Virginia

The importance of the work, and the delicacy and skill with which it ought to be executed, induced me to hope that it might be executed at the U. S. Mint, under your direction. - I desire that in addition to the Gold medal, there shall be struck also one of silver and twenty five of bronze.

I hope, Sir, this request will not impose upon you trouble or inconvenience; and nothing but the desire to have the medal executed in a manner at once worthy of the giver, and the illustrious recipient of the beautiful and richly merited compliment, would have induced me to trespass upon you.

With the highest respect

I have the honor to be

Yours obt. Servt.

John B. Floyd

Minist of the United States,
Philad^a, May 3, 1850.

Sir,

I forwarded to you this day the amount
of your silver deposits, by Adams & Co's Express.
I regret I could not send you as many dimes
as you wished owing to the fact that I
have no more which I can apply to
your deposit. I send however, in lieu
of them, half dimes, which I hope may
be satisfactory to you. Our stock of cents
being also low, I have supplied a part of
your order in half-cents. The bill of
lading for the cents & half cents I herewith
enclose.

The amount forwarded is as follows:

Dimes	\$400.
Half dimes	1,100.
Quarter dollars, &c.	6.66
Cents	40.00
Half cents	10.00
	\$1,556.66

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. servant.

Franklin Howard Esq.
Ass^t. Treas. Boston

James Ross Snowden - Treas^r

New York May 2^d 1830
R M Patterson Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir
We have your favor of 29th ulto and in answer
to part of its contents have to state that We do not think
"large quantities" of California Gold have as yet been sent hence
to England - but at the present rate of Sterling Exchange say
9½% to 10% it might be better to do so than to incur the long
delay of payment at the Mint - We hear that some was
sent by the Atlantic on the 27th ulto - also that the Steamer
from Boston yesterday took a considerable amount -
not to be returned in coin - nor by way of remittance -
which would otherwise have been made in specie - but
because it is more profitable to ship the Gold dust and
draw against - which places the shipper in funds at once
by sale of his Bills - than to suffer the loss of interest
occasioned by the long delay of payment at the Mint.

We are promised returns, expected in a few days, by a
party who sent some dust as an experiment which we will
take great pleasure in communicating to you when received.
Meanwhile We remain, Sir, Very Respectfully

James Edmingslow

Quartz with Gold

459.38 grains per lb air 88% fine Value \$17.56%

Quartz no show of gold

3.15 grs per lb Value 12% ^{the same} or 315 grs per 100 \$12.11 —
= about a bushel.

If all present in gold in the same = 315 grs.

Mint of the United States.
Philad^a. May 2, 1850

Sir, I send you by this mail, in a separate
package, the vouchers for Abstract N^o. 6, which
were omitted to be forwarded with my account
on yesterday evening.

I am with great respect,
Yours obt. Serv^t

James R. Snodden
Treasurer.

J. L. Smith Esq.
U^s Dep. Treasury Dept.
Washington City.

House of Representatives
May 1. 1830

Sir,

I sent by Adams
this express a Unit City
letter to Philadelphia from
two weeks since. Now had
no answer. Permit me to
ask the cause of delay of prof.

Yours obt. Serv.
Samuel B. Park

Member of U. S. House

Philadelphia

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Mint U. S.
Trans. Office
Phil May 1, '50.

Sir, I transmit to you in separate packages by this mail, the account of the operations of the Mint in gold & silver bullion for the 1st quarter of 1850.

It is proper to remark that this acct. has not been forwarded with our usual promptitude, in consequence of the greatly increased business of the Mint, especially as to the number of deposits made, as the following statement will exhibit.

Number of Deposits in 1847	—	1302
" " " 1848		1102
" " " 1849		2989
Deposits for 1st quarter in gold & sil. 1850		1584

It will thus be seen that whilst the average rate per quarter has heretofore been about 450, the past quarter, now presented, has amounted to 1584. I may also observe that among these about one half of the deposits contain silver to an amount which requires to be reported, payable to the depositor, and to accomplish this

each number thus situated requires
two calculations, & entries.

I am with great respect
Yr. obed^t. Serv^t.

Jas. Ross Snowden
Jun^r.

J. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Treas. Dept

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Yolo. Pa Aug 1. 1850

Col J. R. Lawrence
Treasurer of N. H. M. Co.

Dear Sir.

Mr. John a sister in law of
mine; has lately received a letter from her son
Lieut H. J. Libby of 3rd Artillery now stationed at
San Francisco Cal.; her friends do for her work
by Major Vinton to the care of Major Lawrence
a package of goods not estimated to be worth over
\$250 dollars California prices; which she says
has been deposited in the trunk to my order
by George W. Jones (Merchant of N. Y.). If her informa-
tion be correct and the goods be received, please
send me a certificate of deposit for the same.
Please don't forget to inform me of the same.

Yours &c &c

Robert F. Fisher

1542-1572 \$282.94 J. Fisher

George W. Jones, care of Vinton & Co.
New York

Cincinnati June 28/54

Superintendent
U.S. Mint Phila. 3 Dear Sir

Upon
what terms do you receive or exchange for
California Gold dust, and how long must
it remain, will thank you to reply at
your earliest convenience

Yours Very Truly
Abner J. Kelly

San Francisco June 29th 1857

To the Presiding officer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

No 4177 Sir I have this day shipped by the
steamer of July 1st six thousand eight hundred and sixty cents,
viz. 300.00 & dwt. 6 gr. to your care for coinage. The proceeds to be held
subject to the order of Willard B. Phillips Esq. of Salem Mass.
I have advised Mr. Phillips of this remittance and enclosed to him
a bill of lading from Macondray & Co. for the duty they insuring it to
your Mint. may it come safe to your hands.

Respectfully Yours

John Batchelder

for owners ship Elizabeth of Salem

Mass.

Baltimore June 28th 1880

To, The proper Officer,
U. S. Mint.

I have to
apologize for troubling you under the following cir-
cumstances:

"Certificate of Deposit of Gold Dust"
"No 2280," "M. M. Yeakle," was deposited by me for
Collection and by oversight of my Clerk no mem.
or Copy of same was retained.

As I have now occasion to use the
item viz: net weight I have to request you to
send as early as convenient a mem. of same
viz: the actual net weight allowed for the
Dust, the box being marked "25 oz."

Very respectfully

Yours ~~truly~~ servt.
M. M. Yeakle
per J. F. Silke

A. D. As the information I request is for
immediate use you will confer a special
favor by replying by return mail.
(Sup. Mem. sent)

House of Representatives
Washington June 27/1857

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Sir

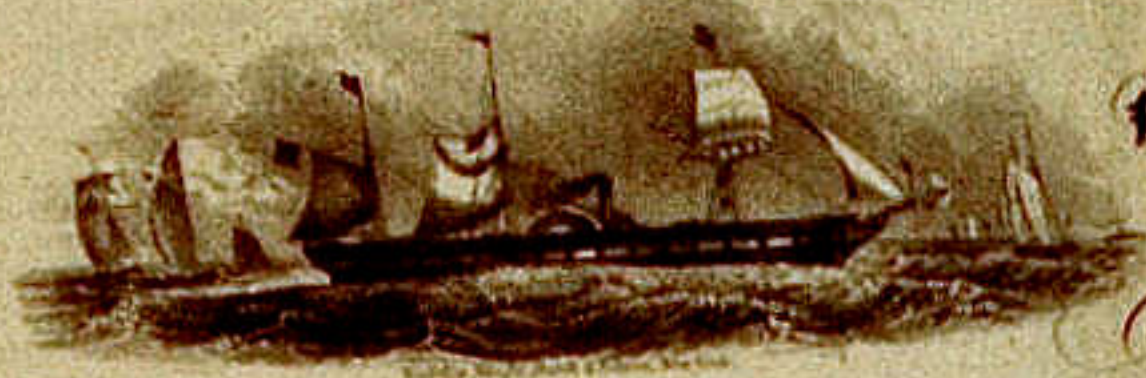
The Hon. J. C. Mason a
member of Congress from Kentucky has requested
me to forward to you the enclosed samples of mineral
found on the property of his immediate predecessor
in Congress and to request that you make them
him, through me, and the result of an analysis
of the samples.

The intense occupation of the time of the Mint
with the transaction of all other business seems
to preclude for the present, the possibility of
taking up the matter till further notice - I think
we can be depended on if they should come up - if
they should not - then all is well as I see

I am very truly

Yours friend & servant

J. D. Mansfield



WARD & PRICE.
Bankers & Agents for California

100 Wall St.,
New York, June 26th 1850

A. A. Patterson Esq, Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We receive advice from San Francisco that in addition to 738 1/2 Gold Dust contained in the Box entered under Mint Certificate No 2702, there were \$1900 in coins of the Miners Bank of California. Of these no mention is made in the returns.

The box was sent in unopened & under the impression that the coins may have escaped the eye of the examiner in the presence of such large receipts we take the liberty of alluding to the subject.

If not at hand it must be an omission of our correspondent.

We are

Dear Sir

Yours truly,
Ward & Price

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 25, 1860.

Sir,

I send enclosed ten Three Cent specimens,
in compliance with the request made in your letter
of the 18th inst.; and I regret that it has not
been in my power to forward these coins to you
sooner. We make no charge for these specimens.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

P. W. Patterson,

Director.

Hon. Emory O. Potter,
House of Representatives,
Washington.

U. S. Mint

June 25. 1850

Amos D. Pearce

Sir,

In accordance with your inquiries, I have the honor of submitting three specimens for examination. Only a few words in explanation will be necessary.

Among the base metals, of lighter hue than copper, only two could be ~~shot~~ ^{of}, as worth experimenting upon, for the alloy of a billion cent coin; namely, tin, and zinc.

The long slip enclosed, is tin, containing one-tenth silver; and about as thick as the coin would be. Its softness is a conclusive objection, rendering others superfluous.

The leaden-colored coin, is nine-tenths zinc, with one-tenth silver. It is not impracticable for coinage, altho' liable to various ^{great} objections. I forbear to mention them, without your further request, as I think you will agree with me that the public would ^{not favor} ~~not~~ accept this coin at sight.

The third specimen is composed of nine-tenths
copper and one-tenth silver. I send it because
it has been carried in the pocket ^{for some time} and considerably
heated, in the warm days which we are now
experiencing; and consequently showing what such
coin would be, in colour and smell, after circu-
lation.

Very respy

R. M. D.

Ans

Hon. Jas. A. Pearce
U. S. Senate
Washington.

Dalt, June 25th 1850

Proprietor or Agents of U. S. Mint
Gentlemen

Will you please
confer the favor of informing me at your earliest
convenience whether a deposit of Gold Dust has been
made in the Mint. by a person named John W. Waters
of West River Arkansas Co. & lately returned from
Sacramento City, California.

Having received a letter from a friend informing me that
a small box valued at 50 dollars had been placed in
the above named persons hands. Consigned to me and
his arrival of the same, since his arrival in this
place, has prompted me to ask from you the above
information & I shall consider myself greatly
obliged to receive an answer as soon as possible

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
John F. Latta

NB

{ Please address Latta &
Philbrick Hotel Proctor St

On care Mr Waters has deposited & has
not received its value. please return the same &
oblige me
J. F. L.

Mr W arrived in the last steamer Sat or & has been
here in the state about 2 weeks

Unit U.S. Phil 12/50

Sand 2,

Send of Mrs. Adams for the small bar
of grain obtained by meeting the grain from the bank
of the Orinoco

Short afterwards was — 3.1.985

fineness

Value

935 thousandths

19.37 per oz.

P.M.P.

B. Perend

N.Y.K.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, 19 June, 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will
give your warrant in favor of the treasury of
the Mint, for Twenty thousand and no hundred
dollars, (\$20,000.) viz:

Out of the appropriation of 1849-50

to pay wages ----- \$2000.00

Salaries of officers &c ----- 4600.00

Out of the appropriation to supply coin

furnished with the appropriation of 1849-50... 6,000

Out of the appropriation for flats, engines

and other improvements in the Mint 7000

\$19,600

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,
(Director)

Wm. C. C. ...
Scribner of the Treasury

Mint U.S. June 15, 1880.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith the bond, ^{with truly} of
Mr. J. Eagle Stegus, on entering upon his duties as
a Clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint, ~~and annexed~~
is the ^{1st} ~~Deputy~~ ^{surety} ~~ship~~ of Gen Robert Patterson ~~and not a~~
~~guarantee~~ ^{receipt} ~~from me.~~ The amount of the bond, of
five thousand dollars, is the same as that required of the
other Clerks.

May I ask that ^{application be made for} an additional appropriation
be made, of ^{twelve} ~~eighteen~~ hundred dollars, to pay for
the salary of this Clerkship, for the next Fiscal year?

R. M. P.

Sr.

Hon. Wm. M. Moretti,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Surety Gen Robert Patterson - Bond for \$5000.

New York June 10th 1850

Dr. Robt M. Johnson
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir,

We are led to understand that it is the intention of the Treasury Department under the late law passed as to the payment of Mint Certificates of deposit to authorize holders of such Certificates to receive payment of them at the Subtreasury here, upon presentation, instead of being forced to send to Philadelphia for the same. We will feel obliged by your informing us whether such is the case and whether you have received any instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury on that point.

We are Dear Sir,

Yours truly
Holland & Spinnell.

New York June 14th 1850

Dear Sir!

The accompanying 2 Cuzcos of Gold were found
on the banks of the Urubico, 6 days distance from
Angastura and being a new kind of gold I have
taken the liberty to forward it to your inspection, with
the question whether you would be kind enough to have
it assayed to ascertain its precise value, and have it
returned to Messrs Adams & Co without being coined, of course
incurs my thanks in advance. I shall be glad to pay
all expenses thereon.

Very respectfully
Yours

Benjamin V. Davis

Dr. W. M. Patterson

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Gold grains by

Weight after melting	oz 1.985
Fineness 937 Value	\$19.37 per oz

House of Reps. No. 16th June 1850

R. M. Pullman Esq
Sir,

I am desirous to obtain
ten or a dozen of your three cent pieces. We
are about changing the rates of Postage, &
this coin, which ⁱⁿ my postage bill I have pro-
vided for, is one of the best arguments I
can offer to show the propriety of a
reduction — Forward me a bill of
the cost of the coin & I will either forward
you the amt or hand it to Mr. Chandler
of your City —

Respectfully

Yours obt. Serv^t

E. D. Potter

Ch^{mn} Com. on the

R. O. P. Funds —

Treasury Department
June 12. 1850

Sir

Your letter dated the 10th Inst
was duly received and has been submitted to
the President who has approved of the appointment
of J. Engle Negro to be a clerk to the Treasurer
of the Mint at a salary of \$1200 per annum.
I am very Resp^t.

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philad^a.

Wm. U. S.
Phil. June 12, '50.

Sir, In compliance with your letter
of the 10th inst., I enclose you a state-
ment showing the balance of your
deposits, which is now payable to
you.

Yours
J. R. S.
Treas.

Mr. Nicholas N. Spink
Wickford
R. I.

Post Office U.S.
Phil. June 12, 1850.

Sir, I send you, in compliance with your
request, a statement showing the value
of your deposits, the same being now
payable at the Post Office on the presen-
tation of your receipt endorsed by you

A. K. S.
Tras.

Mr. S. L. Milton,
Fall River,
Mass.

Minist of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 11, 1850.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst.

The assay of ~~unrefined~~ Blood Testaments specimens was made, by an Assayer, as a personal favor; and they now tell me that they cannot, for want of time, undertake any more case of the kind. In the assay which was made, Quinidine was used.

I am not sufficiently informed, to be able to answer your questions regarding the "Quarts Mills" in California.

I regret that I am forced to give so unsatisfactory a reply to your letter.

R. M. P.

For Justice W. H. Miller, Esq.
South Perry, Va.

Swath June 11th 1850

My dear Sir

I have

received, and in answer to your enquiries I have to state that
I have a regular service and will deliver of the Salt last deposited
by me on the 31st May which calls for 214 casks the weight
by your Standard being 35 lbs per cask less than the weight as per
Invoice, you will oblige me by forwarding me the assay as I can
deposit the weight with that in Bank and draw against it without
any expense to me

Yours Very Respectfully
W. Campbell

213.65
531
208.34

Mint U.S.
Phil. June 10, 1856.

Gentlemen

Before your letter was rec^d. by me
this morning, Mess. Adams & Co. had brought
your gold to the Mint, & the same was in
the scales to be weighed. But at all events
your instructions could not have been com-
plied with inasmuch as the gold was
contained in four tin boxes & neither of
them approximated the value of \$1720.
The weight of the entire deposits is
1357¹⁰⁰ ounces for which we have
given a rec^t. to Mess. Adams & Co.

J. R. S.
Treas.

A. T. Cunningham & Co. }
Boston, }
Mass. }

Wickford June 10. 1850.

Sir

Will you please inform me
at what time I can receive the amt
of deposit made 15 May/50. as per certif
No 2312.

Also please send me a statement
showing the value of said deposit & oblige.

Your Obedt Servant.

Nichl. N. Spink

Chas. R. Sprouden
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

No. 2312

Mint of the U. S.
Phil. June 10, 50.

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 8th inst. to Mr. Sprague, a clerk in the Mint, has been referred to me. The payments which I recently made in New York were in consequence of my having Transfer drafts on the Asst. Treasurer in that city for a large amt., & that mode was adopted to save the expense & delay of transporting it to this city. It was only of a temporary character. If however the proposition which is pending before Congress to allow the Asst. Treas. at N. York to receive the bullion should be adopted payments will then be made directly from the Treasury in your city.

Your deposits is payable on the presentation of the Mint receipt.

R. M. P.

Messrs John DeWitt & Co.
New York.

J. D. S.
Recd.

New York Jan 10th 1850
To the President of the Mint Phila

Sir - I sent by M^r Adamson Friday last
about \$19,000 in two boxes of Ingots for Coining &
he informs me that he expects, he shall receive
the certificates by to morrow's Mail - This is
to enquire if you will pay these certificates
in New York, as this has been the case recently,
or whether I must receive pay in Phila, also
please inform me when the coin will be
ready if to be paid in Phila - Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

J D Deane

No 2834

Fall River June 10th 1854
Ed Sprague Esq

Dear Sir,

I made a deposit
of gold at the mint May 18th
when the net value thereof shall ^{be} ascertained
please to send me an acct directed to
this place and oblige.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. S. Willard

No. 2261

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, June 10, 1837.

Sir,

I am much gratified to learn, from your letter of the 8th inst., that the President has seen in the honor of "sanctioning" my request the employment of a new Clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint, as suggested by me.

In compliance with the ^{and small} second ^{proportionally} third section of the Mint Act of June 18, 1837, I ask the approbation of the President to ^{the} appointment of Mr. J. Eagle Stegus, to supply ^{the} place to be filled by the now Clerk & the Treasurer, ^{from the Treasury to twelve hundred dollars, the same as that of the Clerk, and with a salary of twelve hundred dollars, the same as that of the Clerk.} Mr. Stegus is a gentleman of excellent character, and a skillful and practical accountant.

R. M. P.

Done

Gen. Wm. M. Meredith,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Newark New Jersey June 10th 1850

The Treasurer of the United States Mint

Dr Sir

I wrote a few days since requesting you to cause to be
forwarded to me the copy of Deposit of Gold Dust made by
A. H. Canfield as per receipt dated May 31st 1850 and Number
(No) 2531, to which I have received no answer, will you have the kindness
in the receipt of this to have it forwarded without delay and
oblige

Yours A. H. Canfield

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Treasury Department
June 8. 1850.

Sir

Your letter dated the 4th inst
has been received and the President sanctions the
employment of a new Clerk to the Treasurer of the
Mint as requested by you. I am very Resp^t.

W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury.

D. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Edward Sprague Esq,
for the Treasurer of the
Mint Philadelphia

New York June 8th 1850

Sir - We hold mint Certificate No.
2763 for Three thousand One hundred & twenty five
30/100 ounces Gold dust. Will you have the goodness
to inform us - whether this am^t will be payable in
Philadelphia or New York - and at what time it
will be due -

Yours Respectfully
John De Witt

New Bedford June 5th 1850

My Dear Sir I hold Adams & Co's Receipt for Two
hundred and eighty seven One & two dollar gold
dated at San Francisco April 1st 1850, deliverable at
the Philadelphia Mint subject to my order for which
my agent paid the freight at San Francisco of One
hundred and ninety five and 1/2^{cts} dollars. This day they
have returned to me a package, said to contain five
thousand and thirty one One dollar, and demanded seven
50^{cts} dollars. This demand I have demurred paying, and
did not receive the package, from the fact that I gave
no orders to have the coin removed, and have only
waited for the mint receipt which I have never received
but you inform me by what order they obtained the coin,
as I have never received any mint receipt, and have
no knowledge of giving any orders in relation to it, as
I did not wish the coin brought to New Bedford.
My practice has been to deliver the mint receipt to
one of our Banks here, and they have placed the
amount to my credit without charge.

To the Treasurer of
The United States Mint
Philadelphia

Your Obedt Servant

A. B. R. J.

Mint, U.S.
June 10, '50.

Dear Sir, I rec^d. to day your letter of
the 8th inst., & immediately made inquiry
in relation to the subject of your letter
of Messrs. Adams & Co. The enclosed letter
is the reply I have rec^d. It is from
their Clerk who has in charge the
bullion which they bring to the Mint
I hope the statement may be satis-
factory —

J. R. S. Jr.,

J. Bonner, Jr. Esq.
New Bedford.

Mint of the U.S.
Phil. June 10, 50.

Sir, I would be glad to learn if you
had any statement of the weight of
your deposits of gold before you sent
it to the Mint. I am induced to ask this
question because there appears an unusual
difference in the weight before & after
melting on our books. The weight as given
in the Mint receipt was 213.65 ounces.

Please answer at your earliest convenience
whether you have any statement as above.

Your deposits is now payable on the
presentation of the Mint receipt.

L. K. S. Treas.

A. W. Canfield, Esq.
Newark, N. J.

3^d Aug. A letter similar to above
was written to T. B. Donnelly N. Y. relative to his deposit No. 14034 &
sent by Adams Co. who made it.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, June 8 1850

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Sir

We send herewith for
coinage one hundred & thirteen 30/100
ozs. Cal. gold & coins. Please
return receipt &c as usual.

Yrs, &c

Weeks Kelley & Co

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia June 7, 1850.

Sir,

In a letter of the 8th of April last, I requested the consent of the President to the employment of a new clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint, giving such reasons as appeared to me to justify this measure. In reply, you informed me, by a letter of the 13 April, that "taking into consideration the very recent increase in the number of clerks, the President declined, for the present, authorizing the appointment asked for."

It is with regret, in view of the above facts, that I feel myself constrained again to bring this subject before the attention of the President. I do so because I am sure that the interests of the Mint imperatively require an increase in our clerical force, and because I believe that the grounds of objection made to my previous request was founded on a misapprehension.

It is true that the number of our clerks was increased in the early part of this year. In fact, however, the appointment then authorized merely restored us to the number which for many years previous to 1848 had been allowed to the Treasurer. In that year a vacancy having occurred it was deemed proper to endeavor, if possible, to dispense with the necessity of a new appointment, and accordingly, for two years, the Treasurer's clerks were reduced to two. Upon the very great and unanticipated increase in our business required by the influx of California bullion we were admonished of the necessity of returning to the original clerical force of the Mint, and to this the President consented.

last time

But since we were ~~reduced~~ to the original number of ~~clerks~~, the office business has gone on steadily increasing, and it appears but proper that our preparations for it should be commensurate. I think a very fair index of that increase may be found in the number of new deposits. The great deposits of the last 5 months of the past year (which so far exceeded our usual proportion as to justify the new clerk who has been appointed,) were 1852, or an average of 330 monthly; the great deposits of the first five months of the present year, were 2586, or at the rate of 517 monthly. ^{our great deposits at this time have already much exceeded those of the whole year 1849}

Comparing our rate of deposits now with ^{that} ~~our~~ rate in ~~the~~ ^{the} several preceding years, the contrast is still more striking. I begin with 1847 when the number of clerks was the same as at present.

Deposits of great value in 1847	1302
" " " 1848	1102
" " " 1849	2989
" " " in first 5 m. of 1850 = 2586; rate per year	517.2

As a consequence of this increase of business, with our present insufficient force, it is with the greatest difficulty that the ordinary routine business of the Unit is kept up, and in order to do that, even, it is necessary that the clerks work at home, and before & after office hours. They have also to request the voluntary assistance of others. A sickness of either of them, for even a few days, would be very seriously felt, & considering their entire want of relaxation such an event is

not at all improbable. In view of such ^{consideration} ~~circumstances~~ ^{unimpairedly} ~~presented~~ ^{presented} I earnestly ~~trust~~ ^{hope} that the former decision of the President will be reconsidered.

In my former communication I recommended Mr. H. B. Hughes, of this city, as a competent person to fill the proposed clerkship. It is perhaps proper that I should state that, while it is of course indispensable for one to obtain the best qualifications for such a post, I have no personal preferences for Mr. Hughes, should there be any objections to his appointment.

R. M. P.

St.

South Barr, (Vt.) June, 27, 1850.

Mr. Paterson;

Dear Sir;

I noticed in a Boston paper, that you had lately analysed some specimens of California Quarts for Colonel Fremont. I wish you to inform me what is the expense of analysing the Quarts to the pound; and also how much Quicksilver the analysis of a pound requires?—and whether there is any other process by which it can be analysed without the use of Quicksilver?

As from these circumstances, I consider it probable, that you ^{have} recently had an interview with Colonel Fremont, and have acquired definite information about the different localities of the mining region. If you ~~can~~ can, I wish you to inform me how far the nearest Quarts hills are from San Francisco, and what are the facilities for transporting it to that place? Sir I wish you to tell me all you know about the Quarts enterprise;—how many many have gone into it; in what way, and with what success. An answer to these inquiries, would greatly oblige, and will receive my hearty thanks.

Yours, very respectfully.

Justin W. Wilton.

Mr. Paterson.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

6 June 1850.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

P. M. Patterson Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of this substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, June 6 1850

J. R. Snowden Esq
Sir

We send herewith by Livingston
& Co's Express 208 1/100 Cal. gold for
Coinage - please return rec'd to us as
usual

Yrs. vrs.
Wm. Weeks, Kelley & Co

208 17

207 93

20

Albion June 6th 1850,

The United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

I would feel obliged by your sending coin in
return for the gold dust I sent you some time ago. Your early attention to
this will oblige me, - V. Dorman,

Yours obly,

George Hamilton,

Please return by 'Wells & Co. Express' - You sent ~~the receipt~~ the receipt that
the express which cost me 6/- the postage of which we have been told it

Recd

G. S. ROBBINS & SON,
BANKERS,
22 WALL STREET.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint

New York. June 6th 1850

Philadelphia New York

We send to you added this day by Adams
Express as per receipt enclosed a parcel of gold dust said
to contain "sixty six ounces of Placer Gold". Please give
this the usual care for coinage & return P. Chas

Yours Truly

Yours Truly

G. M. Patterson Esq.

per Frank Bacon

Union Office
Washington 6th June '50

Sir,
I have received the receipt of the Mint
for my deposits of Gold Bullion weighing twenty
three and two ounces (23 7/100) and my object in
writing is to ascertain at what time I can obtain
the money for it. My deposits being intended
to defray my expenses in going to California
I earnestly beg of you to let me have it as
early as possible, as I am desirous of going on
the 13th inst. If you will do me the favor to assist
me in accomplishing my wishes you will lay
me under countess obligations. The receipt is
dated June 4, 1850 and number 2691.

With respect

Yr Obedt Servant

A. J. Sum

Treasurer of U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New-York, June 6 1850
J. R. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir
We send herewith for
Carriage one hundred & sixteen $\frac{77}{100}$ ozs. cal.
gold. Please return rec^t to us as usual.
Res^t Yrs.
Weeks, Kelley & Co.

Wm. L. June 5 1850

Hon. James A. Pearce

Sir

Enclosed are specimens of the coins referred to in your communication of the 3^d inst. The use of one of the white base metals, ^{such as} tin or zinc, as a substitute for copper in the mixture for the cent-piece, has been ^{repeatedly} suggested, but no experiments have been ^{by us} made, to test the feasibility of such a project. This can easily be done, and as soon as our Assayers can get time to give attention to it (probably in a few days) I shall inform you of their judgment in the matter.

R. M. D.
Secy.

Wm. James A. Pearce, Secy.
U. S. Mint

WEEKS, KELLEY & CO., Specie, Bank Note and Collection House,

43 Wall Street, (Jauncey Court) New York, June 5 1850

Dr Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Dear Sir

We send you this day
by Livingston the express 272 ounces Cal. gold
for carriage please return receipt as usual.

Respectfully

Wm. Kelley & Co

By Estlin

Mint U.S.

Phil. June 4, 1858.

Dear Sir,

I rec^d. in due time your letter of the 29th inst., and immediately referred it to the Director of the Mint, & I am requested to say that the Com'g Dept. is fully supplied with presses of satisfactory construction & that no change is desirable. But the Matter & Refiner, James C. Barth, Esq., is in want of a pair of shears in his department & it is believed that the simple & very efficient presses of Mr. Dick's construction will answer the purpose perfectly well, & can be supplied at a reasonable rate of expense in the form indicated in the wood-cut which accompanies your letter. You will please address Mr. Barth on the subject to whom the matter is referred.

You are quite right in saying that my personal wishes are favorable to the application. I have a high personal regard for Mr. Dick, & believe that his invention is one of great importance & high utility.

Mr. Jos. E. Holmes

J. C. Ingersoll

Ag't for Daniel Dick Esq. (No. 794 Washington St.)
New York.

Mint of the U. States,
Phil. Dec 4, 1850.

Sir, Your letter of June 1, to the Director of the Mint has been referred to me. We cannot supply you with Drives & pediments in the manner you ~~suggest~~, that is to say, by your sending a check or draft for the amount. We furnish gold & silver coins only in payment of deposits of the same species of bullion.

We can supply you with cents. The smallest amount which we put up in kegs is \$50 on which we will pay the freight to New York & forward to you when you send us that amt. of money, or a draft which we can collect here.

J. R. S.
Per.

A. Spear & Son
160 Wall St.
N. Y.

Phiad? June 4. 1850.

My dear Sir,

I received this evening by Telegraph, the
triumph and sad intelligence of the death of my
eldest brother Dr. Isaac W. Snowden, of Hagerstown
Cumberland County. This intelligence is the more startling
from the fact that we had no intelligence of his ill-
ness, although for some time past he was not in
robust health.

This bereavement renders it necessary
for me to be absent for two or three days. I will
leave in the early train with my father, to return
Monday. I expect to be back on Friday. His sad
duty which calls me away with I know be sufficient
in your kind judgment to justify this absence from my
post. My mother is almost overwhelmed with
grief - He was my eldest brother.

I would have called on you this evening, but
knowing that you would be absent at the University,
I take this method of informing you of the above, the
copy key I enclose, you will please hand it to
Mr. Sprague. Mr. Dubois can act for me in other
matters if necessary.

V. Patterson &

Very truly
your friend,
Isaac W. Snowden

to
R. W. Patterson Esq

U. S. Mint Philad^a

Respected Sir

anticipating the passage of A Law
establishing A Branch Mint in the City of N York
I have perhaps prematurely made application to
you for A situation therein having for 20 years
been engaged in refining Meltings Rolling Gold in
My own business which is that of A Gold Worker
and now carrying on the same in the City of N York
and having done business with all the influential
Houses in N York in the last 10 years ^{in my line} for character
I would refer you to Messrs Platts Brothers & Co
and have done business for years with Messrs Harper
& Brother Tract House. Bible House. Hooper Brothers
and am known by all the employers in Goldsmiths
in Philadelphia A situation in the Mint
Department I should prefer feeling confident
if my application is successful of giving satisfaction
therein. any further references as to Character or
Security can be furnished by yours very

Respectfully

June 3rd / 50

Wm Laddow
14 Beekman St N York

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
June 3^d 1850

Sir,

Your Ordinary Expense account of the
Mint ending the 31st of March 1850, has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of
\$3,965.06 stand to be due from you to the
United States, which is thus explained viz.
Balance due the United States, per your app^t \$1,965.06
Add. Warrant No 2450, dated April 25th
1850, not credited in your account. 2,000.00
\$3,965.06

Very Respectfully,
Elihu Whittier,
Comptroller

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

P.S. Please send me a copy of the Laws regulating
the Mint of the U.S.

Copy of Mint Laws sent. June 4, 1850.

J. R. S.

Senate U.S. Jan 3rd 1830

Sir

Mr. Dickinson Ch^r of the Finance Com^{tee}
of the Senate has presented a bill providing for new coins
of the value of 3 cents & one cent. I understand that you
have prepared samples of these coins & my object in address-
ing you is to ask if in y^r power that it may be furnished
with one of each. It has been much urged upon me that
some white metal might be advantageously employed in these
coins instead of copper which is so disagreeable to smell and
handle. Do you think this feasible or expedient?

The quantity of silver in the 3 cent piece will probably
render it in great degree free from the objection but in the one cent
piece I suppose will be scarcely less unpleasant than the
present copper coin.

Very Res^{ly} S^r
W^m

J. A. R. R.

R. W. Patterson Esq

James R. Snowden Esq
U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Biddford Bank

Biddford (N.H.) June 3, 1850

Dear Sir

I forward to you by
Longley & Co. Express a package containing 25 g. gold dust.
Please remit the proceeds to me, by draft
on the Assistant Treasurer at Boston and charge

Yours Respectfully

D. S. Fairfield Esq

New York June 1 1850

Director H S Mint

Philadelphia

Sir If you send

you a check on Phil^a will you
send us a Keg of Simes & half Simes
at rates & in what way; also, how
small a cask of cents do you put up
& how will you send us them. We
are much troubled for change
Please reply by return of mail &
much obliged Your obt^d Servts,

Amasa Pearson
No 160 Wall St

U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, June 1st 1850.

Sir, I herewith, forward you,
the 'weekly statement' ending May 31st
1850, showing the state of the Bullion and
public moneys deposited in the Mint by the
Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Yours etc etc

James Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

To
Wm Selden Esq
Treas. U. S.
Washington